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THOMPSON'S REVIEW

BROWNSVILLE INCIDENT IS REACHING THE END

TOO MUCH POLITICS AND PASSION

Dr. Curtis Speaks in Interest of Provident Hospital--Booker T. Washington Will Lecture at the Metropolitan Church.

(Staff Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Now that the Brownsville incident is approaching its final stage, it will be well for the thoughtful members of the race to pause a moment and take sober counsel with themselves. The report of the Committe on Military Affairs which has been given to the country indicates a division of sentiment that satisfies nobody, proves nothing, and leaves the whole situation in a condition almost as chaotic as before. While the President is upheld in a sense, the charges of Garlington, Blocksam, et al., are not sustained, and the soldiers are not benefited. There is no clean-cut victory for anybody, and those who hoped to find a clarified atmosphere following the result of the long investigation are grievously disappointed. The discussion now goes to the Senate, and another siege of passionate crimination and recrimination may be expected, with the outcome shrouded in gloom for all concerned. Just which segment of the committee's diversified report will be adopted is a problem. The fate of Senator Foraker's bill for the restoration to the rolls of all soldiers who will make oath that they had no part in the shooting-up of the town is likewise enveloped in a haze of doubt. If the committee refused to accept Senator Foraker's resolutions, having the same effect on the bill, there seems little hope that a favorable report can be secured for the latter through the same body. The truth of the matter is there has been too much politics and passion in connection with this Brownsville case from the very beginning and the baneful effect is being felt by everybody who has had a hand in the business. Few level-headed Negroes believe the President discharged the soldiers because they were colored. The general feeling is that he was misled by the damaging reports of his trusted subordinates; but it is likewise the general feeling that these damaging reports were largely "cooked up" by the said subordinates, who had no good blood for the Negro soldiers and who were willing to go to any length to rid the army—or Brownsville at least—of their presence. It is not believed that the serious charges would not have been made had the soldiers been white, and the case would have fallen through before it reached the President. But as the mischief has been done some way should be found to remedy it. In making the soldiers' cause a political issue, with the prestige of the administration swaying in one balance and the personal fortunes of an element of the Republican party in another, with the Democrats "egging on" both sides, with the hope of destroying all concerned and putting the Negro out of the army in toto, the poor black man is being ground to death between the upper and nether millstones, and the Republican party is being disrupted by an issue which should never have been anything but a judicial cause, to be settled through the orderly processes of the law. It may not be too late to mend matters if the situation is approached calmly by the Senate and the Republicans, white and colored, who represent the opposing viewpoints. The elimination of politics and passion, and the consideration of the case strictly on its merits as a problem of law and the facts, are the only method by which the poor black soldiers can emerge from the ruins with their records rehabilitated and the party again united. Sensible colored men are anxious to enter the coming campaign with clear vision, and want to be able to discuss the issues of the day without being asked to "remember Brownsville" morning, noon and night.

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Dr. A. M. Curtis, former Surgeon-in-Chief of the Freedmen's Hospital and a recognized authority on surgery and hospital management, was the principal speaker Thursday night at a largely attended meeting in Sharp Street Memorial Church, Baltimore, held to stimulate financial and general interest in the Provident Hospital, which is controlled by colored physicians. Dr. Curtis' subject was "The Advantages to the Public of a Hospital and Training School for Nurses." In simple but elofuent language he emphasized the importance and need of a colored hospital in every community where there is an approachable Negro population, for the treatment of members of the race who wish special care and where the attention may be more sympathetic than is possible elsewhere, and indicated the direct benefit of such an institution to the indigent sick of the race, calling attention also to its value in affording opportunities to young physicians in acquiring medical knowledge and to the young women in offering them nurse training. Other speakers who addressed the meeting were Dr. H. Stanton McCard, Dr. Scott and Attorney Harry S. Cummings of Baltimore. After the meeting Dr. Curtis was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the local physicians affiliated with the National Medical Association, of which Dr. Curtis is a charter member. During his visit, Dr. Curtis saw several cases in consultation at Provident Hospital and will return to the institution in a few days to perform several difficult operations in major surgery and hold a series of clinics.

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Dr. Booker T. Washington's lecture on "The Advancement of the Human Race," which was announced for the 10th at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, has been postponed until the 18th on account of a conuict with engagements previously entered into. The occasion will be a notable one, and elaborate preparations are being made by the local committee under the leadership of Mr. Henry Lassiter.

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As the result of an arrangement between the War Department and Major John R. Lynch, stationed at Manila as paymaster of the 25th Infantry, the latter retires from active service in the regular army at the close of the present fiscal year, June 30, at which time he will have served his full ten years in the army establishment. He will retire with honors and a major's allowance amounting to about $2,200 per annum.

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Ohio is the first State to sound a keynote on the manhood rights of the Negro, and to express its disapproval of the disfranchisement and Jim Crow laws of the South. At the State convention this week at Columbus the following plank, drawn up by Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, was accepted by the committee on platform without the dotting of an "i" or the crossing of a "t," and unanimously adopted amid ringing cheers:

"In view of the fact that the American Negro, as a race, in spite of every handicap, has proved himself a law-abiding, peaceful, safe and industrious citizen, we regard legislative enactments that have for their aim the disfranchisement of the Negro vote in certain States, for no other reason than that of color, as a discrimination that is out of harmony with the constitution and the real American spirit of fair play.

"We maintain and affirm that the American Negro should be vouchsafed all the rights and immunities granted to free-born or naturalized citizens of these United States by the provisions of the constitution, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude."

Ohio has set an example in old-fashioned Republicanism which her sister States can imitate with profit to the nation, the party and the Negro race.

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The gathering of the Bishops of the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion Church and the C. M. E Church here a fortnight ago, gave a pretty comprehensive idea of the events that will take place during the ensuing General Conference of wo of these denominations in May. The Bishops put in much time considering the legislation that will come up in the coming conclave, and the candidates, whose name was legion, made hay while the sun shone. Aspirants for everything within the gift of the general conferences came up late at night. And they got in some fine work that is sure to count when the clans gather at Norfolk and Philidelphia. A peep at the A. M. E. folks must suffice for this letter. Rr. E. W. Lampton wore a bland smile, which never came off during the entire session, and his capable management of the business end of the proceedings undoubtedly strengthened his grip on the Bishopric toga, if any additional strength were needed to make assurance doubly sure. Drs. H. B. Parks, L. H. Reynolds, W. D. Chappelle, H. T. Johnson and other leaders for the Bench moved about quietly, but there were evidence that they were not losing any points in the game. Dr. J. M. Conner, Arkansas favorite son, was unable to be present on account of illness in his family, but his friends spoke eloquently for him, and exhibited an interest in his success that nailed down a goodly batch of votes. Strong leters were shown from such influential Arkansas forces as Judge M. W. Gibbs, Hon. J. E. Bush, Drs. T. H. Jackson and A. H. Hill, of Shorter College, and Dr. H. C. Beasley, pastor of Bethel Church at Little Rock, reciting in unequivocal terms the unpronounced abioty of Dr. Conner and emphisizing the value of a worker on the Bench who knows the needs and possibilities of the church in the Great Southwest now unrepresented in the Bishopric. Ira T. Bryant was not idle, and as he shook hands with the hosts, ministerial anl lay, the prediction was freely made that this brilliant young business man will be elected Secretary of the Sunday School Union on the first ballot, if not chosen by acclamation.

Other aspirants made gratifying progress, none of which, however, was more apparent than that of Dr. A. L. Gaines, of Baltimore, whose elevation to the editorship of the Christian Record is practically conceded. Dr. Gaines' fitness for the responsible post of sentiment-moulder in the editorial chair of the official organ of his church has been tested along two lines, viz: Church lines and along racial lines. The deloverances of Dr. Gaines as a representative of the A. M. E. Church at the C. M. E General Conference at Memphis, and his address before the famous Bethel Literary and Historical Association at Washington, D. C., on "What the A. M. E. Church Has Done for Negro Americans," leave no doubt that as editor of the Recorder he will prove to be a sturdy defender of the faith wherever and whenever called upon. He knows the history of the organization like a book, and knows how to effectively put forward its merits, and what is no less important—how to remedy its weak points. Dr. Gaines' familiarity with the substantial achievements of the Negro and fluent comand of forcible English preeminently qualify him to take his stand as an uncompromising champion of his people, both in the religious and secular world, for, in the present condiitno of our race, the ministerial editor must concern himself with the business, industrial and civic status of the people, as well as with their spiritual and denominational needs. His soundness on the race question and his sanity with preference to the policies most likely to inspire a national respect for us as men and citizens, and to insure the race adequate protection in the pursuit of the gainful occupations, is happily illustrated in his illuminous address on "American Prejudice Subversive of American citizenship," delivered before the Afro-American Council in New York City. In that remarkable review of the progress of the Negro in this republic of ours, this significant paragraph appears:

"We must impress those with whom we live and whose interests are identical with ours, that, because we submit to the encroachments upon our manhood rights, it is not an indication that we shall ever concede the justice of such encroachments or shall ever cease to contend that they shall be eliminated."

There is no doubt that as editor of the Christian Recorder, Dr. Gaines will infuse new life into that grand old journal by reason of his original ideas and verile personality, and enlarge its usefulness both as a reflex of the best religious sentiment of the race, and as a champion of its higher citizenship. The A. M. E. Church will "gain" by taking "Gaines."

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The following paragraph from the white daily journal published at Potosi, Mo., where J. A. Lankford and his brother were born and reared is another proof that merit and hustling ability will count, even though the possessor of these sterling qualities be of the darker race. Says the excerpt:

"J. A. Lankford & Brother, architects and builders of Washington, D. C., who were born and reared in Potosi, Mo., have just been selected by the white Presbyterian Church committee of this city to plan and build their new stone church, which is to be one of the finest in the city. There wer eight competitors in the architects' contest for this building, all white except Lankford & Bro., whose plans were found to be the most satisfactory in every way over those given by the white competitors."

Langford & Brother are pioneers in this country as colored architects making the business a specialty, and are said to have designed and built more buildings than any other firm of its kind. In securing the contract for the magnificent church edifice in Missouri, where you have to "show them," these young men have achieved a distinct triumph in which the entire race shares.

R. W. THOMPSON.

MR. CHARLES BANKS.

Of that flourishing Negro community, Mound Bayou, Miss., established by the well-known I. T. Montgomery, is Chas. Banks, cashier of the Bank of Mound Bayou. Mr. Banks is a willing worker in his community, of his State. Very few important race movements begin in his section without his assistant and influence. The recent Mississippi Negro Bankers' Convention held in Mound Bayou was in part due to his efforts as well as the success that attended its sessions. The Bank of Mound Bayou is one of the pioneer institutions of the country, and due to the indefatigable Mr. Banks, who long ago saw the need of such concerns. Negroes were to be accommodated with loans if they were to succeed in business, just as white men were to be accommodated if they succeed in business. This accommodation must be sure and certain; it was not so when depending on banks by other men. It was not absolutely certain that the colored man would be accommodated when he most needed it. His security might not be "giltedge," or there was demand more pressing from other quarters, "preferred" quarters, consequently the colored man's small crop, his all, was "unpromoted."

Get a bank of our own, was the thought of Mr. Banks, and out of the dream of one day sprang the Bank of Mound Bayou, capitalized at $10,000. One will say this is a small capital; it is, compared with the capitalization of those great banks by white men. It was quite enough, it seems, to meet the demands of the community, and quite as large as that of those first banks by white men. The Bank of Mound Bayou was as seed sown in good ground—others have sprang forth until the south is belted by financial institutions manned by Negroes, in the interest of Negroes—the most of them meeting all that has been expected or required of them.

Mr. Banks is interested in the business movement among the race. He will be remembered in Indianapolis, owing to his visit here in connection with the Negro Business Men's League a few years ago, when he attracted attention by his affability, and agreeable manners that so distinguished him. He is yet engaged in promoting the League's interest in his State, being president of the State's Business League. He was the founder of the Negro Bankers' Association of Mississippi, presiding over the session of the convention of a few days ago.

But the half is only told; Mr. Banks heads the movement in his State, looking forward to the erection of a one hundred thousand dollar cotton seed oil mill in Mound Bayou. The announcement is big, but the men of the South have done great things, are doing great things. Mr. Banks is one of them and since he is of this new movement, it bids fair to be a thing of the near future.

PARIS, ILL.

Rev. W. H. Hill has just closed a very successful revival meeting. There are eighteen to be baptized... Miss Mary A. Gray has just recently sold her lot on East Court street to the Government. It will be part of the site for the new Federal Building. The price was $3,000...Robt. Taylor is selling The Freeman. Good news for good people...Paris Thomas is able to be up after an attack of la grippe...T. J. Reed & Son have recently purchased one of the finest heavy teams to work on their transfer lines that have been seen on the streets of Paris lately...Albert (Chic) Moody, one of our young comedians, will make his grand debut in vaudeville Friday night at the Majestic...The Paris Tennis Club will hold a meeting soon to elect officers for the coming season. Who will be champion this year?...W. B. Adams is going into the poultry business on a large scale...Mrs. Laura Thomas has taken charge of the Second Baptist choir. Miss Mary Watkins, organist...Mrs. Masie Davis has opened a nice restaurant on West Court street...Bishop Mack, the evangelist, left here Tuesday on his way to Jacksonville, Ill., to carry on a big revival.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

William Collier and son were in the city recently from Humboldt mines...Gen. Thomas, the local prize fighter, went to Phoenix recently...Mrs. Viola Scaggs has gone to Los Angeles to visit her sister... Miss Lena Waters has returned home from a visit at San Francisco.

PADUCAH, KY.

We have nine churches, two public schools, five doctors, two attorneys at law, five grocery stores, ten saloons, two undertakers and two drug stores. ...Dr. J. W. T. Patterson has returned home after a business trip to Nashville.

ABOUT THE BEREA COLLEGE

C. H. PARRISH MAKES PLEA IN BEHALF OF CAUSE

WHERE WILL SCHOOL BE LOCATED?

Louisville's "Smart Set" Gives Leap Year Party--Bishop Clinton in the City Last Sunday--Children's Opera To Be Given.

The representative of The Freeman has been up in the mountains to visit Borea College, an institution that was given some fifty or sixty years ago for the education of the whites and blacks, but since the past eight years President William Goodell Frost, it is claimed, has done everything possible to eliminate the Negro from the school and has finally succeeded.

A bill known as the "Day Law" was passed by the Kentucky Legislature prohibiting the co-education of whites and blacks and its consttiuionality is now before the Supreme Court at Washington.

Since the Negro has been totally debarred by the Frost element and the Day Bill, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, knowing the spirit of the institution to educate the Negro, offered $200,000 conditionally. Mr. Carnegie offered an endowment for the above amount, which is pledged on condition that Borea raise a like sum for the work. Some years ago Dr. D. K. Pearson, a wealthy philanthropist of Chicago made a similar offer and the sum was raised. Taking this as a criterion, the friends of Borea confidently expect to secure the endowment proposed by Mr. Carnegie. A committee has been at work in the State and in New York. The endowment is to be devoted exclusively to establishing a great industrial school on the order of Tuskegee and Hampton.

Many of our most prominent Negroes are against the idea that President Frost is to have anything to do with the proposed school. Many lay the blame at his door as being the instrument in barring the Negro from the school and disregarding the moral obligation of the school to educate the Negro youth of Kentucky. As to whether a new Borea for colored people is to be established, or the present site given back to Negroes and the whites get another school or some other school utilized, remains to be seen.

The most absorbing question is where the school will be located. The Negroes of Kentucky have been told that they are ahead of the white people in point of education and many have been resting on their oars. The Legislature recently passed a bill for $500,000 for education of the whites, and the Negroes are urging a bill's passage for a $40,000 State Normal. Now, an effort is being made to land the $400,000 for industrial education. The United Brothers of Friendship own a farm about twelve miles from Louisville and that 234 acres be used for the proposed school. Eckstein Norton Institute was mentioned a few weeks ago and now the citizens of Madison County want a favorable hearing. The city of Lexington seems to be making the greater endeavor to land th eplace. A representative of Borea called a few days ago and inspected Chandler Normal College and its property with a view, it is said, of ascertaining the feasability of acquiring the school. Lexington, on account of its being the heart of Negro population and easily accessible by railroads, may have the better chance. Said one prominent race leader: "I am not particular where the school is to be located, but what we want is the school, one of which the Negroes of the State will feel proud."

The moral responsibility resting upon the Borea College to educate the Negro still haunts the president, and the Negro's untimely removal still lingers with the graduates of the school.

Before the House Committee on Appropriations a few days ago, Dr. C. H. Parrish made an able address for the education of the Negroes of Kentucky. Forty thousand dollars was asked for the State Normal School and this bill will be favorably reported, according to those who stand high in legislative councils.

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

The sweetest rest is the one well earned.

The sound of a kind word soon dies, but its memory lives forever.

Some people carry their Christianity in an undeposited church letter.

We would like to hear the apologies some men make to their conscience.

The first argument to use when you want to convince a hungry man is a square meal.

A lot of people cast their burdens on the Lord and then go away and forget them.

Dirty dollars are not cleansed by throwing one of them into the contribution box.

There is always something good about the big boy who wil lplay with his bbay brother.

We hope that persons everywhere will contribute to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund," even though it is but a small amount, for that will help in raising the full amount.

The W. C. T. U. and the Mothers Excelsior Clubs met at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Young of Pueblo, Colo., Wednesday afternoon and transacted much important business, which was the electing of delegates to the State convention and representatives to the City Federation. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union elected Mrs. Carrie North to represent the Union at the City Federation that will meet at the residence of Mrs. F. A. Holleys the first Monday in March.

Miss Mabel Posey of Boston, Mass., has been appointed to a permanent position in the postoffice as a clerk in the general delivery of the central office. Miss Posey took the examination several years ago and waited patiently. She was given substitute work this winter.

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At a recent Coney Island entertainment, an affinity dance was given and one of the features was the joke marriages. Matrimonial candidates paid 10 cents for fake marriage licenses, and a broker performed the ceremony. It has now developed that the broker is a notary and fully qualified to perform the ceremonies. One young man is holding his "bride" to the contract and the remaining young men seem equally pleased. Consequently about fifty young women are seeking legal advice.

THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, has some criticisms to make on the English schools as compared with those of America, but, on the whole, he thinks them very superior. "I cannot help feeling," he said recently, discussing the subject, "that on the general subject we might profitably take a hint from the old country. Whatever else we may say about the English schools, they do turn out well-behaved, orderly boys and girls, respectful to those set over them, grounded in the morals of Christian civilization, with an instinctive sense of obedience to law and a becoming regard for the authorities that represent it. Would we be any worse off if we had more of these qualities here? May it not happen that in our efforts to keep all questions of religion and morals in what we consider their proper place, they may in reality be left without any place in the training of a good many children?"

REVIVAL OF THE TURBAN.

With the stimulation of interests in things Oriental due to the Moroccan troubles and the Turkish-Persian dispute the French papers say it is quite natural that there should be a return of the turban as a fashionable headdress for women. The turban is the coming theater headwear, according to one authority, because it offers a compromise solution to the question o. removing the hat during the performance which has been convulsing the Paris theater world for the last year or so.

The turbans that are being worn in Paris are made of the softest materials in orchid hues in combination of white and rose or in delicate shades of dull gray. They are worn without aigrettes or pompons or anything else tending to increase their height.

Some have a single heavy tassel of gold lace falling to one side. Others are trimmed with ropes of pearls.

Sometimes also a very handsome piece of jewelry, a crescent, a sunburst or a feather or flower clasp, is placed in front over the middle of the forehead. A few are trimmed with gold or silver lace, but this is not regarded as being in character.

LARGER WAIST THE ORDER.

"There was a time when twenty-two would have been considered a large waist measurement. Our grandmothers prided themselves on their seventeen-inch waists. Our mothers reluctantly let their laces out to nineteen. Now we go boldly about with twenty-two-inch waists.

"Chicago, according to Professor Dudley, leads us by two inches. I hope we never overtake her.

"The straight-front corset, of course, signed the emancipation proclamation of woman's waist. Before that, in the era of hourglass figures, it was thought that a waist couldn't be too small. The present craze for the 'hipless' figure has also done much for woman's waist."

ARTIFICIAL LIMB FOR FLORENCE HARPER.

Subscriptions to Be Taken by The Freeman.

Florence Harper, the eight-year-old girl, and the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper in East Sixteenth street, Indianapolis, had the misfortune to lose her left limb above the knee five years ago when a baby girl of three years she was caught between a large stone and a wagon, crushing the limb so badly that it was necessary to amputate it.

The years have gone on and the little girl uses a crutch, which is now having a bad effect on her shoulder, and physicians say that she will also have curvature of the spine if she is not relieved of the wearing of the crutch. Many times have the family attempted to accumulate sufficient money to purchase the artificial member, but as many times has the little amount been taken for daily needs. The father is industrious and manages to support the family, and the mother lends her assistance whenever she can.

FLORENCE HARPER.

The little girl in her present condition is hindered from attending school regularly, thereby retarding her education, the possession of which will be her only means of self-support when she grows older. She is very anxious to attend school and is fond of music. The condition of this child is a constant worry to her parents. Florence is a bright child and realizes that she is hindered by the loss of her limb.

The firm of D. P. Stirk & Co. of this city have offered to make of the best material, an artificial limb, guaranteed to be perfect in every respect, lengthening the same as Florence grows older, for $75.00. On the receipt of $25.00 the leg will be commenced.

The Freeman asks that its readers and all persons interested will subscribe even if only a small amount. Each person contributing will be given a receipt for same and name and amount published in The Freeman each week. The amount will be deposited by The Freeman and will be known as "The Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund." When the first amount is raised ($25.00) it will be paid to D. P. Stirk & Co. to begin work at once. Persons living in the city who can not find it convenient to send or call at the office, can call the office, New phone 2880, leaving name and address, and we will send our representative, Daneva Donnell, to see you.

We ask that you contribute to this worthy cause, helping an unfortunate child to be able to help herself, and to be of service in some way to humanity if only by being able to support herself when she grows to womanhood, and not a poor crippled invalid and a constant charity charge.

The next session of the Joint Council of Bishops will be held in Louisville.

Race Gleanings

The Editor's Song.

How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance without skipping a year;
Who takes out his dollar and offers it gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says "Stop it, I cannot afford it,"
Or, "Getting more papers each day than I read,"
But always says, "Send it; the whole outfit likes it—
In fact, we regard it as a business need."

How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum;
How he makes our eyes fairly dance;
How he makes our heart throb.
We outwardly thank him and inwardly bless him—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

Nathaniel Sawyer is the colored candidate for councilman from the Fifth Ward at Topeka, Kans.

A race conference under the auspices of the Afro-American Council is called to meet April 7, 1908.

Bishop Alexander Walters, who has been living at Jersey City, N. J., for several years, has removed his residence to New York City.

The Board of Education of St. Louis, Mo., has authorized the purchase of an automobile to be used to train Negro chauffeurs at the Sumner High School.

The Ladies Improvement Club of Danville, Ky., presented the Fifth Street Church of that city with a fine marble pedestal three feet in height and a set of silverware.

The Frisco Orchard Company of Nebraska will hold its annual meeting for stockholders at Omaha, Neb., March 10. H. S. Halbert is president; Wm. C. Carroll, secretary.

E. S. Brown at Kansas City, Mo., has invented a heating stove said to require only one-half the gas or other fuel to heat a given space that is required for any other stove.

Rev. G. B. Howard, D. D., pastor of the Gilfield Baptist Church of Petersburg, Va., who was recently elected to the presidency of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College at Lynchburg, has resigned.

Dr. I. A. Shade, Ph. G., of Raleigh, N. C., who has been in charge of the People's Drug Store in that city for the past two years, has been appointed assistant professor in pharmacy at Leonard Medical School, Shaw University.

Philadelphia now has a Negro population of 85,000, an increase of 20,000 since the census of 1900, a larger colored population than any other Northern city, or nearly as many Negroes as Baltimore, Washington or New Orleans.

The Eighteenth Annual Fair at Charleston, S. C., will be held at the Jenkins Orphanage Building for the benefit of the orphanage and reformatory to raise $1,500 to supplement the $20,000 that must be raised this year to carry on the work and to build a separate dormitory for girls.

The Afro-American Emancipation Association has been organized at Richmond, and will celebrate the emancipation April 3 in that city. This organization also does mission work, helping the aged and nfirm members of the race, and any worthy person in destitute circumstances who applies to them. J. C. Randolph, R. W. G. C. of G. V. O. of Knights of Damon is president; Rev. W. S. Jackson, pastor Asbury Chapel, is secretary.

A New Avenue of Employment.

The St. Louis Advance says that much credit is due to Rev. Stevens, Chas. H. Dodge and others for the good work which is now going on. At a meeting of the Board of Education recently the sketch plans for the new Sumner High School, to be located on Cottage and Pendleton avenues, were approved. The estimated sum for the structure will contain 57 rooms. Considering the cost of ground and all, this Negro high school will cost $420,000. Mr. John Schroes thought the building would be too elaborate and costly for the 284 colored high school pupils. With such a school as an incentive the attendance will increase rapidly, and Mr. Schroers need not fear, for soon the building will be completely occupied. Through the efforts of Prof. C. M. Woodward, the Board of Education has authorized the purchase of an automobile to be used to train Negro chauffeurs at Sumner High School. This, it is said, will give young Negroes a chance to learn a trade. We quote the following from the Post-Dispatch of January 15:

"One argument advanced by Negro educators in favor of training Negro chauffeurs at the expense of the State was that the field of automobile operation is one of the best which has opened for the race in the last generation and that many young Negroes are anxious to obtain the technical training which will enable them to take advantage of this opportunity.

"The automobile furnished to the Sumner High School will not be used for jaunts about the city. It will be kept in the instruction room, where the pupils will study it and try to master the intricacy of its internal arrangement.

The established salary for a good chauffeur is $125 a month. There are in St. Louis about 700 drivers, of whom 150 are Negroes. The 200 men who are professional and thoroughly qualified are all white."

Negro Poetry Past and Present.

There are seven striking differences between the present day Negro poetry and that of slavery days: (1) Slavery suppressed individuality, freedom on the other hand has developed it. Therefore it is found that while the slave songs express common experiences and are in this sense universal, much of the present day poetry records particular experiences and is markedly individualistic. (2) The slave songs are personal; they say: I was, I am, I shall be. The present day poetry is largely impersonal; it says: It was, it is, it will be. (3) The slave poetry is subjective. The later poetry is principally objective. The poets have sung of the birds, the sky, the sea, the flowers, love, war, liberty, the power of God and the mastery of death. (4) The slave poetry is pre-eminently religious; in the present day poetry the religious element is not emphasized. (5) The slave songs emphasize the future life. The slaves had no earthly interests; therefore they could sing "You may hab all dis wurl, gib me Jesus." But the acquiring by the race of material interests with their attendant duties and responsibilities has caused the poets to emphasize the importance of this life. (6) The slave poetry is especially characterized by an unquestioning faith in God; in the present day poetry there are strains of uncertainty and doubt. The slave songs express the strength of the Negro, his ability to endure. There is a tendency in some of the present day poetry, particularly that in dialect, to express the weakness of the Negro, the mere externalities of his life.

Now, as in slavery days, the deep inner life of the Negroes may be a fruitful theme. The time is ripe for the poet who may be able to voice their hopes, longings, and aspirations; who will sing of their sorrows; call them to duty and inspire them to noble deeds. Such a poet will be the mouthpiece of the people and express what they but dumbly feel. Then will Negro life be again truly expressed in Negro poetry.—Monroe N. Work in The Southern Workman.

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There are few more picturesque pioneer characters in the State of Indiana than "Uncle Charley" Derrickson, who lives on the line between Montgomery and Boone counties. "Uncle Charley" was born a slave nearly a century ago, but unlike old "Uncle Ned," he has still "wool" on the top of his head. His aged wife, who died two years ago, was also born in slavery.

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"I know. Major Belwether told me that he had thought of Howard as an anchor for her. It seemed a pity—Howard with all his cold, heavy negative inertia. I said I'd do it. I did. And now I don't know. I wish, almost wish I hadn't."

"What has changed your ideas?"

"I don't know. Howard is safer than Stephen Siward; already in the first clutches of his master vice. Would you mate what she inherits from her mother and her mother's mother with what is that poor boy's heritage from the Siwards?"

She held her horse to a walk, riding forward, grave, thoughtful, preoccupied with a new problem, only part of which she had told her husband.

For that night she had been awakened in her bed to find standing beside her a white, wide eyed figure, shivering, limbs a-chill beneath her clinging lace. She had taken the pallid visitor to her arms and warmed her and soothed her and whispered to her, murmuring the thousand little words and sounds, the breathing magic mothers use with children.

Driven she knew not why, Sylvia had crept from her room in search of the still, warm, fragrant nest and the whispered reassurance and the caress she had never before endured. Yes, now she craved it, invited it, longed for safe arms around her, the hovering hand on her hair. Was this Sylvia?

And Grace Ferrall, clearing her sleepy eyes, amazed, incredulous of the cold, childlike hands upon her shoulders, caught her in her arms with a little laugh and sob and drew her to her breast, to soothe and caress and reassure, to make up to her all she could of what is every child's just heritage.

And for a long while Sylvia, lying there, told her nothing—because she did not know how—merely a word, a restless question half ashamed, barely enough to shadow forth the something stirring her toward an awakening in a new world.

And at length, gravely, innocently, she spoke of her engagement and the worldly possibilities before her, of the man she was to marry and her new and unexpected sense of loneliness in his presence now that she had seen him again after months.

She spoke presently of Siward, a fugitive question or two offered indifferently at first, then with shy persistence and curiosity, knowing nothing of the senseless form flung face downward across the sheets in a room close by. And thereafter the murmured burden of the theme was Siward until one, heavy eyed, turned from the white dawn silvering the windows, sighed and fell asleep, and one lay silent, head half buried in its tangled gold wide awake, thinking vague thoughts that had no ending, no beginning. And at last a rosy bar of light fell across the wall, and the warm shadows faded from corner and curtain, and, turning on the pillow, her face nestled in her hair, she fell asleep.

Nothing of this had Mrs. Ferrall told her husband. Nothing of this could her husband understand had she words to convey it. There was nothing he need understand except that his wife, meaning well, had meddled and regretted.

And now, turning in her saddle with a pretty gesture of her shoulders:

"I meddle no more! Those who need me may come to me. Now laugh at my tardy wisdom, Kemp! The mischief take Howard Quarrier!"

"Amen! Come on, race."

She gathered bridle. "Do you suppose Stephen Siward is going to make trouble?"

"How can he unless she helps him? Nonsense! All's well with Siward and Sylvia. Shall we gallop?"

All was very well with Siward and Sylvia. They had passed the rabbit brier country scathless, with two black mallard, a jack snipe and a rabbit to the credit of their score, and were now advancing through that dimly lit enchanted land of tall gray alders where in the sudden twilight of the leaves woodcock after woodcock fluttered upward twittering, only to stop and drop, transformed at the vicious crack of Siward's gun to fluffy balls of feather whirling earthward from midair.

Sagamore came galloping back with a soft, unsoiled mass of chestnut and brown feathers in his mouth. Siward took the dead cock, passed it back to the keeper who followed them, patted the beautiful, eager dog and signaled him forward once more.

"You should have fired that time," he said to Sylvia—"that is, if you care to kill anything."

"But I don't seem to be able to," she said. "It isn't a bit like shooting at clay targets. The twittering whir takes me by surprise—it's all so charmingly sudden—and my heart seems to stop in one beat, and I look and look, and then, whisk, and woodcock is gone, leaving me breathless."

Her voice ceased. The white setter, cutting up his ground ahead, had stopped, rigid, one leg raised, jaws quivering and locking alternately.

"Isn't that a stunning picture?" said Siward in a low voice. "What a beauty he is—like a statue in white and blue veined marble. You may talk, Miss Landis; woodcock don't flush at the sound of the human voice as grouse do."

"See his brown eyes roll back at us! He wonders why we don't do something!" whispered the girl. "Look, Mr. Siward! Now his head is moving, oh, so gradually to the left!"

"The bird is moving on the ground," nodded Siward. "Now the bird has stopped."

"I do wish I could see a woodcock on the ground," she breathed. "Do you think we might by any chance?"

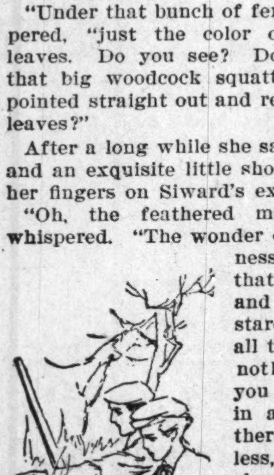
Siward noiselessly sank to his knees and crouched, keen eyes minutely busy among the shadowy browns and grays of wet earth and withered leaf, and after awhile cautiously he signaled the girl to kneel beside him and stretched out one arm, forefinger extended.

"Sight straight along my arm," he said, "as though it were a rifle barrel."

Her soft cheek rested against his shoulder, a stray strand of shining hair brushing his face.

"Under that bunch of fern," he whispered, "just the color of the dead leaves. Do you see? Don't you see that big woodcock squatted flat, bill pointed straight out and resting on the leaves?"

After a long while she saw suddenly, and an exquisite little shock tightened her fingers on Siward's extended arm.



"No, I won't shoot it."

"Oh, the feathered miracle!" she whispered. "The wonder of its cleverness to hide like that! You look and look and stare, seeing it all the while and not knowing that you see it. Then in a flash it is there, motionless, a brown shaped shadow among shadows. The dear little thing! Mr. Siward, do you think—are you going to"—

"No, I won't shoot it."

"Thank you. Might I sit here a moment to watch it?"

She seated herself soundlessly among the dead leaves. He sank into place beside her, laying his gun aside.

"Rather rough on the dog," he said, with a grimace.

"I know. It is very good of you, Mr. Siward, to do this for my pleasure. Oh—h! Do you see? Oh, the little beauty!"

The woodcock had risen, plumage puffed out, strutting with wings bowed and tail spread, facing the dog. The sudden pygmy defiance thrilled her. "Brave, brave!" she exclaimed, enraptured, but at the sound of her voice the bird crouched like a flash, large dark liquid eyes shining, long bill pointed straight toward them.

"He'll fly the way his bill points," said Siward. "Watch!"

He rose. She sprang lightly to her feet. There came a whirring flutter, a twittering shower of sweet notes, soft wings beating almost in their very faces, a distant shadow against the sky, and the woodcock was gone.

Quieting the astounded dog, gun cradled in the hollow of his left arm, he turned to the girl beside him. "That sort of thing wins no cups," he said.

"It wins something else, Mr. Siward—my very warm regard for you."

"There is no choice between that and the Shotover cup," he admitted, considering her.

"I—do you mean it?"

"Of course I do!"

"Then you are much nicer than I thought you. And, after all, if the price of a cup is the life of that brave little bird I had rather shoot clay pigeons. Now you will scorn me, I suppose. Begin!"

"My ideal woman has never been a life taker," he said coolly. "Once when I was a boy there was a girl, very lovely, my first sweetheart. I saw her at the traps once just after she had killed her seventh pigeon straight, 'pulling it down' from overhead, you know, very clever. The little thing was breathing on the grass, and it made sounds"— He shrugged and walked on. "She killed her twenty-first bird straight. It was a handsome cup too."

And after a silence, "So you didn't love her any more, Mr. Siward?" mockingly sweet.

They laughed, and at the sound of laughter the tall stemmed alders echoed with the rushing roar of a cock grouse thundering skyward. Crack! Crack! Whirling over and over through a cloud of floating feathers, a heavy weight struck the springy earth. There lay the big mottled bird, splendid silky ruffs spread, dead eyes closing, a single tiny crimson bead twinkling like a ruby on the gaping beak.

"Dead!" said Siward to the dog who had dropped to shot. "Fetch!" And, signaling the boy behind, he relieved the dog of his burden and tossed the dead weight of ruffled plumage toward him. Then he broke his gun, and as the empty shells flew rattling backward slipped in fresh cartridges, locked the barrels and walked forward, the flush of excitement still staining his sunburned face.

"You deal death mercifully," said the girl in a low voice. "I wonder what your ci-devant sweetheart would think of you."

"A bungler had better stick to the traps," he assented, ignoring the badinage.

"I am wondering," she said thoughtfully, "what I think of men who kill."

He turned sharply, hesitated, shrugged. "Wild things' lives are brief at best—fox or flying tick, wet nests or mink, owl, hawk, weasel or man. But the death man deals is the most merciful. Besides," he added, laughing, "ours is not a case of sweethearts."

"My argument is purely in the abstract, Mr. Siward. I am asking you whether the death men deal is more justifiable than a woman's gift of death."

"Oh, well, life taking, the giving of life—there can be only one answer to the mystery, and I don't know it," he replied, smiling.

"I do."

"Tell me, then, he said," still amused.

They had passed swale after swale of silver birches, waist deep in perfumed fern and brake. The big timber lay before them. She moved forward, light gun swung easily across her leather padded shoulder, and on the wood's sunny edge she seated herself, straight young back against a giant pine, gun balanced across her flattened knees.

"You are feeling the pace a little," he said, coming up and standing in front of her.

"The pace? No, Mr. Siward."

She sat, bright head pillowed in her arms, idly attentive to his low running comment on beast and bird and tree, on forest stillness and forest sounds, on life and the wild laws of life and death governing the great out world 'twixt sky and earth.

Somewhere in the woodland world the crows were holding a noisy session, and she told him that was the jury debating the degree of his guilt in killing the birds.

"Because you're guilty, of course," she continued. "I wonder what your sentence is to be?"

"I'll leave it to you," he suggested lazily.

"Suppose I sentenced you to slay no more?"

"Oh, I'd appeal"—

"No use. I am the tribunal of last resort."

"Then I throw myself upon the mercy of the court."

"You do well, Mr. Siward. This court is very merciful. How much do you care for bird murder? Very much? Is there anything you care for more? Yes? And could this court grant it to you in compensation?"

He said deliberately, roused by the level challenge of her gaze, "The court is incompetent to compensate the prisoner or offer any compromise."

"Why, Mr. Siward?"

"Because the court herself is already compromised in her future engagements."

"But what has my engagement to do with"—

"You offered compensation for depriving me of my shooting. There could be only one adequate compensation."

"And that?" she asked, coolly enough.

"Your continual companionship."

"But you have it, Mr. Siward."

"I have it for a day. The season lasts three months, you know."

"And you and I are to play a continuous vaudeville for three months? Is that your offer?"

"Partly."

"Then one day with me is not worth those many days of murder?" she asked in pretended astonishment.

"Ask yourself why those many days would be doubly empty," he said, so seriously that the pointless game began to confuse her.

"Then"—she turned lightly from uncertain ground—"then perhaps we had better be about that matter of the cup you prize so highly. Are you ready, Mr. Siward? There is much to be killed yet, including time, you know."

"I am not sure," he reflected, "just exactly what I should ask of you if you insist on taking away"—he turned and looked about him through the burnt gold foliage—"if you took away all this out of my life."

"I shall not take it, because I have nothing in exchange to offer, you say," she answered imprudently.

"I did not say so," he retorted.

"You did, reminding me that the court is already engaged for a continuous performance."

"Was it necessary to remind you?" he asked, with deliberate malice.

She flushed up, vexed, silent, then looked directly at him with beautiful hostile eyes. "What do you mean, Mr. Siward? Are you taking our harmless, idle badinage as warrant for an intimacy unwarranted?"

"Have I offended?" he asked, so impassively that a flash of resentment brought her to her feet, angry and self possessed.

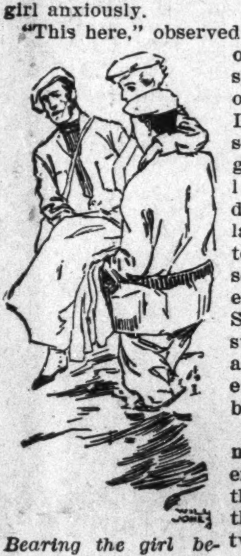
"How far have we to go?" she asked quietly.

He rose to his feet, turned, hailing the keeper, repeating the question. And at the answer they both started forward, the dog ranging ahead through a dense growth of beech and chestnut, over a high brown ridge, then down, always down along a leafy ravine to the water's edge—a forest pool set in the gorgeous foliage of ripening maples.

"I don't see," said Sylvia impatiently, "how we are going to obey instructions and go straight ahead. There must be a stupid boat somewhere!"

But the game laden keeper shook his head, pulled up his hip boots, and pointed out a line of alder poles set in the water to mark a crossing.

"Am I expected to wade?" asked the girl anxiously.



Bearing the girl between them, they waded out.

"This here," observed the keeper, "is one of the most sportin' courses on the estate. Last season I seen Miss Page go through it like a scared deer—the young lady, sir, that took last season's cup"—in explanation to Siward, who stood doubtfully at the water's edge, looking back at Sylvia.

Raising her dismayed eyes she encountered his; there was a little laugh between them. She stepped daintily across the stones to the water's edge, instinctively gathering her kilts in one hand.

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DEFENDS THE NEGRO.

PREACHER URGES PATRIOTISM.

Dr. Stansfield in Lincoln Day Sermon Appears as Champion of Colored Men.

The Rev. Joshua Stansfied appeared as the champion of the Negro in his Lincoln day sermon at the Meridian Street Methodist Church yesterday morning and declared that when we of the present day rise to deal with the Negro as did Lincoln we can end the "shameful discrimination against the black man, both in our Northern cities and in the South."

Although the sermon was largely on the life and character of Lincoln, Dt. Stansfield referred to the Negro question a number of times, always spepaking in defense of the colored man.

"According to Bible teaching," said he, "the Hindoo is a man, the Asiatic is a man, the 'Hunyak' is a man, the Negro is a man, and when any person in a so-called Christian country speaks of the Negro as a beast he slanders a part of God's family. Such an utterance is un-Christian, inhuman and utterly base and bad. The glory of Christian history is that Christianity discovered and disclosed the human worth of the Anglo-Saxon and Norseman and Dane and under its ennobling power there evolved the best of present-day civilization.

"The advanced of to-day was the heathen of a few centuries ago, humanized by Christian teaching. Abraham Lincoln was the greatness, in a pre-eminent degree—was both good and great because of his clear recognition of this grand Christian truth. I shall mention but two things which to me explain the goodness and greatness of that noble life—first, his native and fine moral sense; second, that he linked his life with a large and worthy cause. The glory of Lincoln was the fact that he linked himself with the cause of human justice.

"If, under inspiration from so true and noble a life, we can but rise to deal with the Negro in our day as honestly, as justly, as humanely and as courageously as did Lincoln, we shall soon end the shameful discrimination against the black man both in our Northern cities and in the South. There is something seriously wrong with the superiority that is afriad to give inferiority a fair chance."—Indianapolis News.

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama,
February 8, 1908.

To the Editor of The National Negro Review:

February 14th has usually been celebrated as the birthday of Frederick Douglass. This custom of setting aside one day in each year for the celebration of the birthday of the great Douglass is one that should be encouraged.

I am writing to suggest that the colored people in all parts of the country make a special effort to secure a large collection from their various societies and organizations on the day named or as soon thereafter as possible for the purpose of paying off the mortgage which now rests upon the home of Frederick Douglass. It is the object, as you know, to use this home as a memorial. Through the generosity of friends, there have been collected so far $1,050 toward the reduction of the mortgage; $4,350 still remain unpaid.

If our people will make a special effort on February 14th to come together and in some manner secure as much help toward this cause as possible, we feel quite sure that a large sum can be collected. If each Negro organization and individual in the country will do its or his duty in this matter, we feel very sure that we shall meet with success in clearing off the mortgage. If the suggested collections can not be secured on the day named, they should be taken as soon thereafter as possible.

Whatever amount is collected can be sent to me, and I will see that acknowledgment is promptly made.

Yours turly,
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Last Sunday afternoon the Big Four String Band was entertained by Mrs. Birdie Mason, one of the most substantial ladies of Hattiesburg. The luncheon consisted of oysters in every style, chicken and white wine. W. M. Tunsel, the leader of the band, is an all-round musician. Other members of the band are Bob Johnson, Manuel Holly, W. B. Jones... C. C. Henderson is off on a visit in New Orleans...N. and A. H. Shackelford gave a real old-fashioned country barbecue the 24th. A fair crowd was present...Mrs. M. K. Hardaway and her mother, Mrs. Tartt, are both ill at their home on Sixth street...Dr. F. C. Cox, the pharmacist at the People's Drug Store, will go to Chicago this spring. F. L. Sutton fits the hard to fit—the royal tailor...The Howel Literary Club held their regular meeting and rendered the following program: Oration, Mr. J. R. Avery; solo, Mrs. M. E. Howard; address, Mr. A. K. Kennard; paper, Miss Ada Richie; song and chorus, by the club; recitation, Miss Eva J. Peters; discussion, "Resolved, that child non-labor was more damaging than child labor"—affirmative, Messrs. J. A. Allen and Robt. L. Hard; negative, Messrs. G. T. Spruce and A. K. Kennard; decision rendered in favor of affirmative. This club has brought the different denominations together more than any other organization in the history of this city. Mr. R. L. Hand, Mesdames J. A. Allen and L. B. Williams, program committee. S. K. Kennard, president; Miss L. B. Griffin, secretary.

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GUTHRIE, OKLA., Feb. 9, '08.

MR. G. L. KNOX,
Indianapolis, Ind.

DEAR SIR:—I have been reading about "College Heights" in your paper and after getting word from the office at Guthrie about "College Heights." I finally, on Nov. 25th, concluded to buy a lot, and sent $10 to the office. All my neighbors and friends told me I had lost my money, but in a few days I got a receipt, and when I made the second payment, I concluded to go up to that country and see what kind of place it was, and on the 11th ult., I arrived in Guthrie.

After I was in Guthrie a day or two I called at the office and found everything just as had been represented in your paper and as the people in the office had written me. In fact, it was much nicer than I anticipated. This is the nicest country I have ever seen, and every one seems very well pleased.

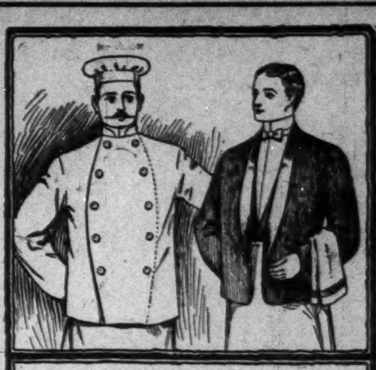
The lots are just as nice as was represented in their little booklet and I got credit for every cent I had paid, and no one need be a bit afraid to send their money to buy "College Heights" property, for the men who conduct the business are very particular and account for every cent. They will take you out and show you the lots and if you are not satisfied with the location they will give you another, but I do not see that there would be any difference at all.

I would say to all my people that it is better than represented, either by the people or by the little booklet. I hope the colored people will take advantage of this opportunity to get a home and make a good living here in Oklahoma where the colored people are treated just the same as the whites.

Wishing you success with your paper and trusting that you will keep the colored people posted about this land of promise,

I am yours truly,
MRS. C. BEDELL.

P. S. Mr. Knox, please change my paper from Midland, Ga., to Guthrie, Okla., and oblige.



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SATURDAY, MAR. 7, 1908.

Will you contribute to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund?"

The weather; steady—not attracting much attention either way.

Senator Foraker may not reach the Presidency, but he has gained a lot of esteem and good will from the Negroes.

The Kentucky Standard, of Louisville, and the Kentucky Reporter, of Owensboro, Ky., are "red hot" for Fairbanks.

Maryland onught 'to be happy in its recent achievement—electors of that State must qualify in the future. Well, we know what that spells.

Judging by the glaring headlines in osme of the Chicago papers, the "great white plague" is on the rampage in the city. The imagination can do wonders when it gets to going.

Nelson Crews, of St. Louis, Mo., the well known Negro orator has been selected as alternate delegate at large to the Chicago Convention. Mr. Crews is very favorably known in Indianapolis and in the State where he has done effective campaign work.

Carnegie Hospital is a new addition to the well known Avery Industrial School of Pittsburg, Pa. This institution is noted for its work in training colored boys and girls, and young women and men. The hospital will prove a very helpful feature; it will not only serve the ordinary purpose, but will be an opportunity for trained nurses.

Indiana's 20,000 Negro voters should have a representative position at the nation's capital. We have not such recognition because we are too indifferent to our own interests to go after it in the right way. Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Kansas and Maryland can give us cards and spades and beat us out in "playing the game."

"J. A. Lankford & Bro., architects and builders, of Washington, D. C., who were born and reared in Potosi, Mo., have just been selected by the white Presbyterian Church Committee of this city, to plan and build their new stone church, which is to be one of the finest in the city. There were eight competitors in the architects' contest for this building and all white except Lankford & Bro., whose plans were found to be the most satisfactory in every way over those given by his white competitors."

The above from a white paper of Patosi is a commendation of the firm of Negro architects of which they may well be proud.

Elsewhere in this issue will be seen a circular letter by Booker T. Washington, calling attention to Frederick Douglass' birthday, February 14th. He thinks it fitting that the day be celebrateda nd also that advantage be taken of it to raise money to discharge the indebtedness on the old Douglass homestead. As will be noted a considerable sum has already been raised by his admirers. A little more effort will be the means of wiping out the entire indebtedness. The race owes it to itself to do this; and we think there will be no doubt of the money forthcoming if a canvass of the right kind is made. Up until this time there has been but very little attention paid the matter. The colored people all over the country are willing enough, they will feel it and honor to do something at preserving the home of Frederick Douglass.

Bishop Phillips, of the C. M. E. Church, after quite an extended stay in the city, has returned home. The bishop, in company with Dr. Rufus E. Stout, Secretary of Church Extension, came to look over his mission established in this city a little over a year ago. The bishop thinks well of the prospects for his denomination and contemplates erecting a suitable building in the very near future. He is affable and courteous, winning friends while here, who promise to lend aid to the promotion of the C. M. E. work. He labored earnestly in the city, helping to raise funds, paying off indebtedness and preaching, through all of which, the church received an uplift that promises well for the future.

The bishop is a scholarly man, being also a medical doctor, he is of literary acquirements and qualifications in general, that make for a useful man. Dr. Stout is scarcely less distinguished than the Bishop; he is president of a college, big and capacious in all directions,a nd said to be in line of promotion for the Episcopal bench.

FAIRBANKS FOR COLORED OFFICERS IN 1908.

Now that the claims of Vice President Fairbanks on the Negro's favor is being canvassed in many sections of the country, it is recalled with pleasure by his host of friends that during the Spanish-American War, while a United States Senator, Mr. Fairbanks went to President McKinley and urged that commissions be issued to colored officers for colored troops, which was afterwards done, and the precedent established that has worked so well for our soldiers ever since. It is a matter of record that the War Department was opposed to such a course, but Senator Fairbanks stuck to his text and won his case.

A REPUBLICAN SENATOR IN KENTUCKY.

The election of ex-Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, to the United States Senate is one of the very strange happenings of to-day. The result, it is thought, is the outgrowth of the fearful Goebel tragedy of years ago, owing to which Beckham came to power. Kentucky has been long known as the "dark and bloody" ground, but it appears, that with the feuds, the night riders, and the great political assassination, that that State has become tired and wearied of it all, and seeks a higher place in the estimation of mankind. The perpetuation of Beckham in power would have made it impossible for a move in that direction, since he was a feudist, whether he willed to be so or not. Beyond this was the thought that he assumed the reins of government with a declouded title. But men were incensed at the killing of Goebel and doubtless felt justified in passing the government over to his friends and party. Endless strife followed. Goebelism and anti-Goebelism were the party slogans for years afterward. It meant the rehearsing of the sickening deed year after year in municipal campaigns throughout the entire State, making new enemies, holding fast to old ones, promising to end nowhere.

The stoutest hearts thought of all this with a shudder; uncertain of the outcome of every campaign, fearful of some similar result to the already known and regretted. But Governor Beckham was a good politician; he had his forces well in hand and Beckham succeeded Beckham until the thoughtful saw the necessity of clarifying the political atmosphere. Governor Wilson, Republican, was a result of the determination, and as if the job were not complete, the legislature which is slightly Democratic, has seen fit to elect the highly reputable and distinguished Bradley as United States Senator, a fitting finale of the unenviable plight that the State was so recently in.

BROWNSVILLE "SHOOT UP."

The congressional committee investigating the Brownsville "shoot up" has reported in favor of the President. According to information three Democrats helped in the decision of eight to five. We are not informed as to the remaining members, but presume they are Republicans, and in which event they stand five and five. There wasn't very much opportunity for the President to lose. We have spoken before regarding the regrettable occurrence, and have always hoped that it would speedily become a matter of past, hoped that it would not serve as capital for political speculation. But it appears that some are not anxious to see it that way, and from indication mean to hold the incident as a card to draw out at the most opportune moment.

This is the still more regrettable phase, making the happening a thing of political capital, when really it is the gravest kind of matter, viewed from the standpoint of race. The great furore created when the President issued his order was in the most part genuine, we believe and because the knowledge of such disposition of soldiers was not known. A few such cases, and these only similar, are known to have happened with white troops; those were not generally known; hence the dismissal was the astoundingly unusual. Most of the high excitement, however, has given away, and now all excepting the few who are bent on making capital are hoping only that somehow, those that be restored to the army. The President himself could not reasonably oppose the effort along this line. He should also be charitable in view of the moderation of the many, and who simply ask the best out of an ugly situation. Many of these have been charitable towards the President, insisting all along that it were some horrible mistake, unwilling, under any circumstances to impeach the integrity of the head of the nation.

The following, a portion of the expressions at a mass meeting recently held in Little Rock, Ark., shows the changed feeling in regards to the President:

"Whether the Negroes have approved Mr. Roosevelt's action in discharging two companies of Negro soldiers who had faced death upon the battlefield in defense of the flag of their country, or whether they did not, it is certain that no public expression of approval of this course has been made by the Negroes of this State in reference to this matter.

"Mr. Roosevelt is a Republican president, a great man, has done many good things, and while we feel he made a great mistake in this matter, it is a thing that is now passed, and he is not a candidate for the presidency.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY ENTERTAIN.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Special.—The officers and members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Valley of this city, entertained with a banquet in honor of the ladies eligible for membership in the Golden Circle at the Scottish Rite Temple Saturday evening, Feb. 29. Ill. A. Frank, Neal, 33d degree, W. M. Zerubbabel Chapter, Rose Croix, was master of ceremonies and the following toasts and program were given.

Program.

Welcome address, Ill. A. O. Coffin, past commander in chief; vocal solo, Miss Florence Baker; "To Our Ladies," Ill. R. T. Goles; piano selection, Ill. W. Lee Whibby; Kansas City Consistory, No. 7, Ill. W. G. Mosley, commander in chief; piano selection, Kt. Jesse Gerald Tyler; "To the Memory of Our Brethren of the Rite Who Have Gone Before," Ill. Thomas G. McCampbell; vocal solo, Holy City, Miss Sarah L. Hammett; Masonic Charity, Ill. Thomas W. H. Williams; "A. A. S. Rite in My Valley," Ill. Edward Sherman Baker, inspector general and deputy for Missouri; musical selection; invocation, Rev. F. Jesse Peck.

Menu.

The following was served: Celery, salted almonds, olives, kalta aufschnit, cold turkey, tongue, maraschino punch, Florence wafers, potato salad, nesselrode ice cream, assorted cake, Neufchtel cheese, crackers, coffee, cigarettes, cigars, haute sauterne.

After the program the ladies of the Golden Circle elected the following officers: Mrs. T. B. McCanble, president; Mrs. Burrell, secretary. The temple now numbers 100 or more.

A waiter in a prominent hotel was asked by one of the guests whom he was serving at the table "if he had horse radish?" The waiter, having the wrong understanding, went to the door and looked out and then came back and told the gentleman that "the horse was not ready."

ABOUT THE BEREA COLLEGE

(Continued from first page.)

On February 28 this same committee reported favorably an appropriation of $3,000 annually for Eckstein-Norton Institute, located a few miles from Louisville. "Dick Knott," the Taft leader of this city, Negro hater and editor of the Louisville Post, an organ of "Lily Whites," had a most drastic editorial in Saturday's paper. It objected to the appropriation on a technical point and virtually showed that he was not in favor of the Negro being educated, especially by a State appropriation to this school. His editorial was biased, unreasonable and altogether uncharitable. The fact that "Not" is opposing the bill, and opposed the election of Governor Bradley for Senator and has opposed the Juvenile Court and other good movements for the best interests of all the people, makes the friends of the institution feel that the bill is sure to pass both Houses. Knott's knocking has never been successful. The school is nonsectarian and has been laboring for seventeen years in the heart of the State for the education of the Negro and has thrived on the personal sacrifice of its president and a few philanthropists and friends. Numbers have graduated and are doing yeoman service. The appropriation of the State would be a stamp of approval of the work being done and would be a means of further progress along educational lines. The many friends of Dr. Parrish and the institution are wishing him much success and hoping that finally the $3,000 will be annually appropriated.

Miss Alice Thomas of French Lick, Ind., was in the city last week, the guest of Miss Carrie Anderson. Miss Thomas is a graduate of the Central High School and Normal class, and it is reported that next year she may be added to the teaching force in this city.

Secretary C. H. Billock, of the Y. M. C. A., has been very energetic in having on Sunday afternoons some of the best speakers of the race in the city and country. For oratory and wisdom these meetings have been helpful and appreciative. The attendance has been unusually large and the enthusiasm has been spirited. Men of all vocations have given Mr. Bullock their hearty support and by this means the association has made wonderful strides. Among the more notable speakers have been Judge Wheeler McGee, ex-Congressman George W. Murry, Rev. W. H. Moses and Prof. Charles Steward. The well-known newspaper correspondent, Mr. Steward, spoke last Sunday on "Sewing and Reaping." The address was eloquently delivered and full of practical advice to men. Mr. Geo. L. Knox, managing editor of The Freeman, will be invited to address the men's meeting some time in the early spring.

The baseball fans are beginning to talk of their proposed plans of the coming season. Mr. Ed Lancaster is giving much attention to the selection of the best men available to make one of the greatest colored teams in the country. Mr. Lancaster's successful managing of the Louisville Giants has given the people great confidence in him, and what he will do tihs season, judging the last as a criterion, he will "make good." It is confidently reported that some of the Giants are in Hot Springs for training and others taking gymnastical courses hereabouts. The outlook for a good baseball season in this city is very bright.

Forty of Louisville's young girls gave a "Leap Year" party last Friday night at the Odd Fellows Hall, which fairly eclipsed all other social functions. Of the one hundred present every one wore children's garb. Short dresses and knee pants was the feature of the gathering. The girls' club and young women patrons have been giving annual social functions for the last eight years and they have a fixed standard of respectability and character. At no recent gathering was there experienced so much fun, pleasure and good fellowship. The music and supper was highly appreciated. The women for the most part were beautifully gowned representing children and there was a noticeable absence of overdress. While many acted like children, yet all showed that they were the same cultured and refined young women which have made Kentucky famous. Mrs. Harriet Jordan was promoter of the affair.

The increasing circulation of The Freeman in this city is a source of much felicitation to its representative. Over four hundred copies were sold last week by George Slaughter, who is the agent and has his office at [illegible]22 West Walnut street. We plan to add a greater number to the list of readers. If each reader will speak a good word to his neighbor and ask him to read and subscribe, it is possible that the circulation will double itself. Let our friends and neighbors help us.

The election of Governor William O. Bradley of Kentucky to the United States Senate adds anothre stalwart Republican to that honorable body. It virtually means the ascension of the Fairbanks people in the next Republican State convention and the practical elimination of the Taft element. It means that the "Lily Whites" will be relegated to the rear and the Negro wing of the G. O. P. will be given a hearing and the Negro will go with the "Big Four" to Chicago. Governor Bradley is a true and tried friend of the Negro and in all his platform speeches he never fails to speak of their loyalty to the party and that they should be cared for. Since the election of Governor Bradley to the Senate, the colored Republican leaders are now leaving Taft and securing a foothold on safer ground.

Bishop George W. Clinton of the A. M. E. Zion Church, was in the city last Sunday and preached at the Thirteenth and Broadway Street A. M. E. Zion Church, of which the Rev. R. S. Rives is pastor. On the following Monday night he delivered an address and afterwards was given a reception by members and friends of the church.

The California School, of which Miss Lucy DuValle is pirncipal, is being given a coat of paint. The many friends of the school are very much pleased over the desire of the board to beautify it. Miss DuValle is one of the best teachers in the State and is admired for her many kindly graces of heart and mind.

Miss Elizabeth Slaughter, who has always been regarded as one of the most beautiful girls of Kentucky, has returned home from Chicago to pay her mother a few weeks visit. Miss Slaughter is not only loved and well known for her beauty but for her artistic ability as a milliner. The many friends of Miss Slaughter are glad to welcome her home and wish her a pleasant stay.

We recall with pleasure the children's opera that played at the Masonic Theatre last spring, which was a gigantic success. It was under the personal direction of Misses Charlotte Bryant and Spratt Brown. It was a brilliant and fascinating amusement, and the society people turned out en masse. Miss Bryant brought before the stage lights talent that has since proved a success at the many entertainments given for churches and elemosynary purposes. Another is to happen again in the early spring. We join her host of friends in pledging our support for so worthy a cause. The orphans and old folks share a goodly portion of the proceeds.

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Stephens and Spikes have started out with a musical show. They are the composers of the "Indianapolis Freeman" march.

Paul Carter has closed with Richard's and Pringle's Minstrels and is now at Hot Springs for his health. Mr. Carter will join the Prampin Trio later in the season.

Mrs. Anna Clark, Marion, Ind., is seriously ill and wishes to know the whereabouts of her son, J. Frank Smith, manager of the Smith's Pastime Plantation Company.

It is reported that Sarah Venable will appear in vaudeville next season, perhaps accompanied by her little son Clifford. Miss Venable is a valuable member of the Black Patti Troubadours.

Eph. Thompson, the elephant trainer, retired last Saturday at the Orpheum, Harrisburg, on account of a sudden illness. The act will continue their engagement when he recovers.

The Thompsons, Lizzie and Thomas, are with the Cosmopolitan Minstrel Show. Mrs. Thompson is making a hit singing "He Never Even Said Good Bye" and "Take Your Time," by Thomas. Kind regards to all in the profession. We would like to hear from Paul Carter.

Will Miss Ruby Taylor, who last season was seen with the Smart Set Company, and now with the Black Patti Troubadours, be "dashed out" as a soubrette on account of her excellent work, or will she be wardrobe mistress or retire at the end of the season "to star" in the cottage by the sea at San Francisco?

M. W. Walker intends to take from Oklahoma and Arkansas together seven good musicians and three performers, that are to be connected with the Millican's Minstrels this season. The troupe band and orchestra of thirty-five people will go from coast to coast. A. C. Barrow and Chas. Arrant are shoving the slides at the head of the band, while Fletcher and Williams hold up the battery.

J. W. Hamilton and Minerva Trice of Chicago, who were booked out last July with the Howard McCarven Southern Comedy Company, are now making a thrilling record at the Dixie Theatre and winners of many good friends in the city of Memphis, Tenn. They send regards to all friends in and out of the profession and would like to hear from Paul Carter and Charles Flemming. Address, 161 South Third street, Memphis, Tenn.

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We have a band of twenty, Fred W. Simpson, conductor, and an orchestra of ten, Wm. Robinson, leader. We wish every one the same success as we are having, full houses everywhere.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS

Homer Tutt and wife, Marie Belle, have been quite ill, both being unable to work.

Douglass Allen, stage carpenter of the Troubadours, is seriously ill in hospital at New Orleans.

Peewee Williams, tramp, juggler and acrobatic dancer, joined the company in New Orleans.

R. Voelckel joined the company after a month's vacation. The company was glad to see him again.

During the illness of Homer Tutt, the difficult role of "Chree Grafter" was enacted by Leo Bailey of the team of Ring and Bailey in a very creditable manner.

The Allegro Club entertained the Troubadours at another of their magnificent balls. The Troubadours will always have a warm spot in their hearts for the Allegro.

Owing to a serious accident to his wife, Andy Pellebon, the New Orleans Honeysuckle, left the Troubadours in New Orleans. Andy is a good chap and the company misses him greatly.

The Tramp Club, assisted by the Ladies' Auxiliary, gave a pink domino ball in honor of the Troubadours Monday, Feb. 17, at Biloxia, La. It was a brilliant affair, owing to the efficient way in which it was handled by Paul Steele, who, by the way, is the originator and organizer of the Tramp Club. This club is one of the most popular of its kind in New Orleans.

PEKIN NOTES.

Allie Gilliam has started them to talking about his funny characteristic tramp impersonations.

Flournoy Miller, co-writer of Ernest Hogan's "Oyster Man," is on the writing staff of the Pekin Theatre.

Mr. Motts is very busy strengthening his now famous Pekin Stock Company. The sixty-five people are now divided into two companies.

Chas. (Bass) Foster came in from New York last week and is now singing more bass than ever and seems to be well pleased to be with the Pekin once again.

If you want to find Mr. Green nowadays just call at the Pekin any day from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m. He is always rehearsing a new show and ofttimes two shows at the same time.

Judging from the crowds that visit the Columbia each night to witness the Pekin Stock Company in musical comedy it bids fair to be as popular on the North Side as it is on the South Side.

J. Ed Green, the producing manager, is preparing a sensation in the form of a satire which will be called "The Merry Widower." Mr. Motts will give the piece a production at both the Pekin and the Columbia.

New people added to the company are Allie Gilliam, Frank Montgomery, Walter Crumley, Richard Lewis, Cliff Ross, Chas. (Bass) Foster, Lillie Jewell, Blanche Arlington, Lulu Lawson, Lena Mitchell, Maggie Tyler and twenty others.

LINCOLN THEATRE, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

"Jim Jones' Trip Abroad" held the boards for the first half of the week with Geo. Center as Jim Jones, the rich coon. S. P. Gardner as Lieut. Skinem, cook on ship; Geo. Lewis, confidence men, the wise brothers Sank Sims and Ed Howard; R. B. Joplin as Captain Wilcocks; Jim Jones, monkey; Sam Gardner, sailors, Gussie Love, Hallie Dean, Kid Lave, Nettie Howard, Blanch Sims, Mabel Brown and Annie Center.

Every member of the company is holding his own and are still pleasing the people. "The Candy Kid" was offered for the last three days. Kid Love sang "All Wise Chickens Follow Me" to the standard. Gussie Love had to respond to several encores nightly singing "Love Me and the World Is Mine." "Vona From Arizona" went big, sang by Geo. Lewis, then Mabel Brown said "I'm Afraid to Go Home in the Dark," then old Sank Sims said "Fare Thee Well, Sweet Dreams," "That Means Goodbye." "Now Ain't That Loving," said Annie Centers. In came the Bon-Ton Buddie. Mr. R. B. Joplin and Geo. Centers said "I'll Be a Low Down Dog." Gardner and Brown cleaned up in the olio, followed by the Centers, that comical sketch team from Texas. Kid Love did a pleasing monologue. The Merry Howards closed the olio to the mustard. The bill closed with the Cowboy's Frolic, which brought down the house.

Kid Love and Geo. Lewis send regards to all friends.

SMART SET COMPANY

Miss Ella Jones (the doll) made a pleasant trip to Johnstown, Pa., Saturday after the show, and returned in time to open at matinee Monday. She reports a splendid time there with relatives and friends and came back laden with presents, the gifts of her "Flood City" admirers.

Miss Mamie York, one of the most generally liked young ladies in the profession, was married Saturday, February 15, at Cleveland, Ohio, to Mr. W. G. Culp. Both are members of the Smart Set company and carry with them the sincere wishes of the entire company for their future success and happiness.

Miss Daisy Collins-Rice severed her connection with this company Saturday and has gone to New York City for the remainder of the winter.

At the wedding Saturday, Rev. Endicott performed the ceremony. Will Carrington played the wedding march, Matt Johnson threw rice galore, and Ella Jones furnished the tears.

Our trained mule "Peanuts" was killed by the cars at Elyria, Ohio, last week, but the show was not discommoded in the least, as S. H. Dudley (equal to every emergency) purchased another mule, trained him, named him "Patrick" in the incredibly short time of five hours.

Matt Johnson is suffering from throat troubles, but steadfastly refuses to allow his voice to be missed from any of the choral numbers.

Frank Montgomery has closed and accepted a position with the Pekin Theatre forces as producer and right hand man to J. Ed Green. We wish him success.

As fast as the male contingent of this company get "all sharpened up" Caddy comes along and "dulls" them. Is there no way to suppress Caddy? I leave the problem to Geo. Day.

George McClain was pretty sick Tuesday, and had to lose a day, but he managed to get around and inspect the mail that night to see if any had arrived from the Patti show. He found one letter, and recovered instanter!

Will Ramsey is very much at home when this company plays Pittsburg, and his landlord did not see him from the time he registered until he paid his bill Sunday morning. Guess that's going some.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Allen and Madam Rose Lee Tyler met many old friends and a host of new ones at Pittsburg, and society made a forced demand upon the major portion of their time while there.

The Elks of Iron City Lodge gave their usually delightful banquet in honor of the company, and it was a repetition of their former social successes, as it is known that Iron City Lodge never does anything by halves.

This week we received new wardrobes and costumes for every scene from th rise of the curtain on act one to the fall of the curtain on the last act. Leish and Tubbman proved that they were on to their jobs by rejuvinating every piece of scenery and props. ,I wonder what Mr. Gus Hill, Manager Comerford and Mr. Dudley will surprise us with next? Leave it to them!

Fred Donaway, our hostler, anticipates a big time when he reaches New York City.

Fred Hardy Jennings will banquet the company while at Philadelphia. (Yes?) NAGOL MOT.

BEFORE THE STAGE MIRROR.

By Charles Marshall.

Bert A. William's latest song success is entitled "I'd Rather Have Nothin' All of the Time Than Something for a Little While." That may be gospel for some people, but a brand new five-dollar bill placed in the hands of some actors we know, to dispose of as they pleased, even for a second would be better than anything else we know of in this wide, wide world for time to come.

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Just now the critics are writing about hair and color. Which will it be for the chorus lady, wig on or wig off?

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Gus Hall, "the man from home," has gone back to old acquaintances by rejoining Black Patti Troubadours. Such a baritone voice is always needed in a company that renders such selections as most generally does the Patti chorus.

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In these days it seems that a great many of our actors and actresses have got the vaudeville craze. Every two or more of the profession figure that about the easiest and best paying position to obtain in the show business is high-class vaudeville. Haven't you heard persons state, even before they had hardly spent a season in the business: "We are going into vaudeville next season at $300 per week," as though it were as easy to do as taking a drink of water. Few of them stop to realize that the business is overrun and that hundreds of acts are idle. If you are sgined up for the season and stand good chances for another with a company that pays a small salary, better stay rather than work four weeks out of ten.

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A few days ago a well-known theatrical man said to the writer: "I think 'Ophelia' played by Andrew Tribbles in the Shoo-Fly Regiment, and 'Sis Hopkins' are two of the funiest female character creations on the stage today. Who ever saw the two could not help from being delighted to a very high extent at the strong humor of nature that they both bring out. Here are two characters that most everyone has seen somewhere if we could not tell where. 'Ophelia,' I think, is strong enough to have a play built about her on the order of 'Sis Hopkins'; that is, if Mr. Tribble were to play 'Ophelia,' but without no play."

MARSHALL'S PLANTATION COMPANY

The roster is as follows: Billy Arnte, the principal comedian; Lewis Chappell, interlocutor; Webb Williams and Jimmy Wise, premier ends.

Gracie Arnte and Vida DeVine, second edition William (Yellow) Jones, boss canvassman; Tommy Baseter, props. Willie King, wardrobe mistress. Prof. Eugene Mickells with his challenging band of 15 pieces is dishing out "rags" while the whole merry bunch of 35 performers are picking them out.

Billy Arnte is "taking his time at a camp meeting," while Jimmy Wise is making a decided hit with his latest novelty monologue, while at the State Fair at Tampa, Fla. Horace B. Wild, the airship man, had a blow down in which his airship was destroyed beyond repair and in order to help him out of his trouble the various performers at the several attractions on the Range decided to give a benefit vaudeville entertainment at the Tampa Bay Casius on Sunday night, Feb. 9th. On the bill was the Nelson family of acrobats, the Laurent Trio Steve Maico (principal clown with Barnum and Bailey) and several other high priced acts and sandwiched between the acts were those of Jimmy Wise, Williams and DeVine, Billy and Gracie Arnte, while professor Mikell's orchestra rendered the music and made a decided hit. They were highly complimented both by the public and the press in Tampa as well as earning the everlasting thanks of all connected with the raiship disaster. The route of the company is Key West, Fla., two weeks, commencing Feb. 24.

Sincerely yours,
LEON W. MARSHALL, Prop.
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HARRY J. FREEMAN,
Gen. Agt. and Pub. Promoter.

S. T. Dunmore Minstrel Comedy in vaudeville opened in Lawrence, Kan., on Feb. 13, with twelve weeks to follow. S. T. Dunmore is assisted by Pearl Dunmore, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, the Holland Bros., Williams and Leslie, and Miss Pauline Brown and Dunmore's famous dog "Brindle." Regards to Tom Logan and all friends in and out of the profession.

ERNEST HOGAN'S RETIREMENT.

By Sylvester Russell.

Every voyage on the ocean of life has its foggy season; the day dreams of youth which enterprising men labor to attain, and some have attained, in middle life, is but the reward of energy which comes at the expense of the brain, the conscience and the body.

If the physical exactions of any of these three capacities is overtaxed there must be a breakdown somewhere in the machinery of the constitution. Labor is only rewarded at the expense of whatever measure of discretion that proves to be durable. Men who overtax themselves in any vocation whatever are sure to disrupt the physical machinery, and for that reason Mr. Ernest Hogan, the famous stalward actor of Bowling Green, Ky., has broken down entirely. So positive were his managers of the state of his condition that the "Oyster Man" company was ordered closed and the troupe disbanded. Mr. Hogan was sent to a sanitarium for the rest of the season to have his constitution rebuilt, if possible. Too much work was said to be the cause of Mr. Hogan's retirement, so he must rest.

There are other reasons, too, besides work which perforates on a person's constitution when one least expects. They are the affairs of the heart and the mistakes in personal administrations and business transactions which worry the conscience.

All these I am quite sure have played a part in the unhinging of Mr. Hogan's endurable constitution. It is hardly believed, as far as Mr. Hogan's business relations with actors is concerned, that they had ever in any way aggrieved him until his first starring tour in "Rufus Rastus" under the management of Hurtig & Seaman. During the time his company was rehearsing, Mr. Hogan was appearing at Hammerstein's Victoria in New York with his Memphis Students guitar, banjo and mandolin club, to great success. He was living at the time in an uptown flat. His wife, professionally known as Miss Mattie Wilkes, had deserted him and gone to Europe to appear in vaudeville. J. Ed Green, the stage producer, who had collaborated with Mr. Hogan in writing "Rufus Rastus," was Mr. Hogan's boon companion in the flat. With five prima donnas, eight comedians and two noted composers, the Hogan forces at the theatre and the happy Hogan home in the flat—the Hogan home—was a thing of joy and a dream forever. Mr. Hogan had a magnificent library which he doted on, also elegant furniture, bric-a-brac and chinaware. His meals were prepared by his absent wife's maid, who was a splendid cook, and served by his faithful valet, a young retired prize fighter, who also groomed Mr. Hogan at his home and dressed him at the theatre.

One day at rehearsal there rose a controversy between Sam Lucas and J. Ed Green. Mr. Lucas had been engaged by Mr. Hogan as leading man and J. Ed Green wanted the job. Mr. Green won as a matter of course, but a coolness existed thereafter between Messrs. Green and Hogan until Mr. Green's retirement from the company, after which the two actors made up as friends again.

One of the worst things that probably ever affected Mr. Hogan was when his flat was soon after demolished by fire. His diamonds were lost, his clothing all ruined and his expensive library was destroyed.

Of Mr. Hogan's performances it can be said that he is the funniest continuous laugh producer of his race upon the stage. It has always been the general opinion of judges that he works too hard and lingers on the stage a little too long in all the scenes of every play in which he appears. The greatest criticism which has come to him as an actor is his utter disregard of legitimate methods of acting in a comedy performance. Whether his continual practice of making extemporaneous speeches has been deliberate or rendered illegitimate by the weakness of accepting of a jolly from the gods of the gallery is hard to decide. He has never changed his methods by observations of criticisms as other actors in his class have done, but has ever remained obdurate. The absence of an extra composer and music arranger last season is possibly what drove Mr. Hogan to overwork. During his past prosperous season, on one occasion, he became angry in his dressing room and boxed a young composer's ears. This season he had no composer to do his extra arranging and had to do it himself.

All this is recorded that it may do Mr. Hogan much good, if he recovers, and we all hope he will, and that it may be as a guiding precept for other young star actors who may follow after him. Mr. Hogan is a man of wonderful energy; during his early career as an actor he has often put his constitution to such tests of physical research as would cause weaker men to collapse. For the past two years he has been complaining and at times indisposed for a week or day until at last he had to give up keeping late hours. He has not been any too careful of draughts in his dressing room, either, which is a most dangerous element to an actor's health. If some few transactions with actors were not what they should be, Mr. Hogan is forgiven, as all the actors as well as the public at large would like to see him well and in harness again.

It may be that part of his breakdown is due to an affair of the herat, for Mr. Hogan in spite of legions of friends and admirers all over the country, is today almost alone, bereft of a loving wife and home, with naught of love, except the kind hearts of nurses and other surroundings to be found in a sanitarium. Personally Mr. Hogan is a very good hearted man, always sorry if he does others an injury; always ready to help the sick and afflicted or a friend in good health who is in need of money; better to others than to himself; with a heart full of sympathy and a liberal spirit, he has tossed his money to the winds of the Great White Way, to the virtues of the good or the merry, and above all, more than once, to the interests of the upbuilding of himself, which, in itself, is indicative of a high and noble character. Mr. Hogan has a disposition which is full of tender compassion. I have often seen his eyes sparkle with tears at the sudden impulse of a sad situation. He has been used to a mental and physical life of labor and excitement, so the days and weeks, and even the hours, will be to him sometimes dreary and lonesome; the sound of the music from the orchestra will ring in his ears; the rattle of the stage hands shifting the scenery and of the carpenters and electricians, will nightly disturb his dreams; he will tire of literature and his longing for next season will seem like a year. And so I prithee—dear populace and the profession. Pray for the speedy restoration of our beloved Ernest Hogan unto new perfect health, mental, spiritual and physical health and long activity.

A PLEASANT NEWSPAPER MAN.

Mr. B. F. Lawrence, who is the present managing editor of the Indianapolis Star, is one of the most pleasant newspaper men it has been our opportunity to meet for some time. You don't often meet a pleasant newspaper man, especially one who has so much before him as the managing editor of a big daily like the Indianapolis Star, so you might call a man like Mr. Lawrence a rare newspaper man. He always has a moment to listen well to what you have to say to him and then proceeds to give you the best satisfaction possible. He doesn't draw back from the hand that is black, but rather gives it the heartiest kind of a shake, showing you that he is one among the few of pleasant newspaper men.

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DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Anderson, S. C., March 9; Greenville, 10; Sparlanburg, 11; Asheville, N. C., 12; Greenville, Tenn., 13; Johnson City, 14.
BLACK PATTIE TROUBADURES—St. Augusstine, Fla., March 9; Jacksonville, 10; Savannah, G., 11; Augusta, 12; Charleston, S. C., 13; Orangeburg, 14.
SMART SET COMPANY—Philadelphia, Pa., week of March 9.

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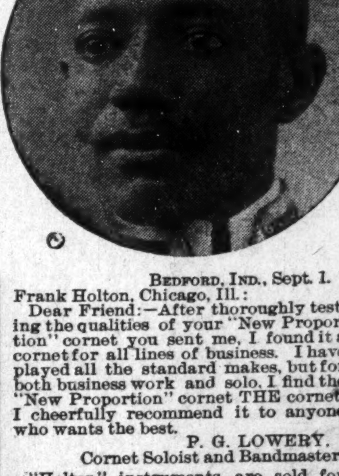

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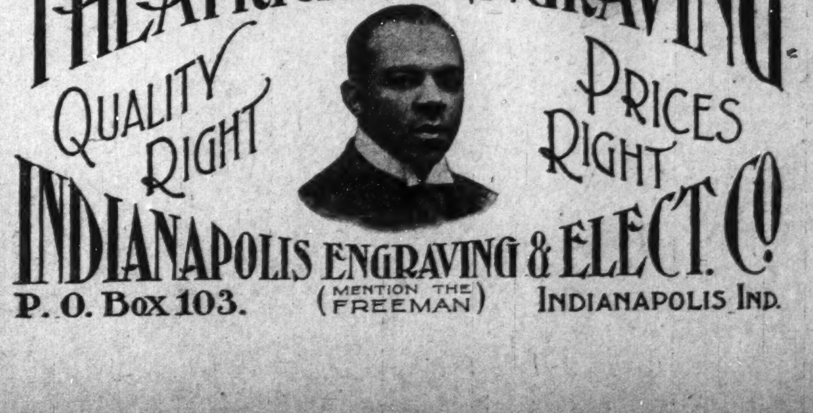

SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

LEAGUE DETERMINED TO OPEN THIS SEASON.

Opening of First Campaign Begins in May, It is Rumored.

The first real campaign of the Colored National Baseball League, according to the outlook in the national field of colored baseball players, will probably open early in May with a rousing campaign of fast ball playing, closing in September. This season is to be a trial season for baseball fans, magnates and players; it is to be one of experiment for those who hold interest in league ball. A meeting will be held early in April, probably at Louisville, to complete the schedule. Then it is expected that a stronger meeting of baseball men can be induced to attend.

The season of 1909 should be a greater one than the coming season, for by that time the league should be on a solid basis. Mr. Frank C. Leland, president of the league, sees no reason why we cannot come out on top in the coming season, but thinks the season of 1909 should be the ringer. He also wants it understood that the league will not fail but that its officers are working hard each day to get it on foot and they are bound to be successful, for you never saw such an anxious set of owners and managers as are in the following towns: Richmond, Ind., Kokomo, Ind., Columbus, O., Cleveland, O., Springfield, O., Louisville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., and Danville, Ill. Of course there have been some mistakes made in the forming of a circuit because of the several that have been made it was found that there were too many bad gaps between making costly railroad that were useless. The circuit of this season may differ vastly from the one to be formed for 1909. Where this season may see only six clubs in the league, the next may see eight or ten.

LEAGUE RULES BROUGHT INTO EFFECT.

The meeting of the National Colored Baseball League held in this city on February 16 and 17 was a success in some instances and in some ways it was not, owing to the failure of some of its most important members being unable to attend. However, there was a gerat deal of business carried on, due to a few of the faithful getting together and working like Trojans amidst all sorts of drawbacks.

President Leland, J. H. Settles and others sent letters and telegrams stating that they would be unable to attend on account of sickness, but stated that they were willing to abide by any step the league might propose. It was also made known in thees messages that the body was to consider them as loyal supporters and that it was only due to severe illness or strict business matters that caused them to not be present.

At 3 o'clock Sunday the first session was held at this office, and after a reading of the purpose of the league by the secretary was read and passed upon; correspondence that had been received from the various club managers by the organizer was read. Following this, discussions were made by various persons on franchise, salary limits, transportation and the playing schedules. It was made a rule that many of the amendments made were subject to a change on motion of the full body, which was not in attendance. It was decided that the franchise would be $50. When a settlement had been made on the franchise the vexatious salary question was brought up and threshed out, the percentage plan being taken up and passed, making it understood that all players are to work on percentage and umpires on salary, each league being authorized to set its own salary limit. As to transportation, the league authorizes each club to look after its own fares. It was voted that Columbus, O., Cleveland, O., Springfield, O., Danville, Ill., Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., be taken into the league. The session closed to meet at 7:30 Monday night.

At the meeting Monday night a large number of baseball players were present to take a stand on the salary and percentage question. Many were in favor of salary, while the majority stood for percentage. In this meeting Indianapolis magnates gave their reasons for not coming into the league by saying that the Sunday law prohibited games here to be played by leagues. The schedule question was brought up; it was finally decided to set it over for another meeting, which may be held in Louisville early in April.

MATTHEWS WILL COACH ALL TEAMS.

Appointed Physical Instructor of Boston Schools.

Hurrah! hurroo! Hurrah! hurroo! He's won again! won again! Who? Matthews!

William C. Matthews, the colored lad who made an enviable record at Andover and Harvard as an athlete and gentleman of the best kind, has been appointed by the Boston School Committee as one of the three physical instructors in the high schools of that city, and will have entire supervision of the coaching and all school athletic teams.

GRIGGS TELLS OF GOOD OLD JOCKEY DAYS.

Mr. Lewis Griggs, a well-known horseman of Louisville, Ky., is in the city stopping at 777 West North street for a few weeks selling medicines of his own make. Mr. Griggs for many years was one of the most successful and widely known of race horse trainers in the country at one time and his success came about through his shrewd ability in all lines of the business. Perhaps Griggs made more off of "dog races" or second or third rate races than any other man of his day in that section. It was always Griggs' scheme, being an excellent trainer, to buy up old broken-down race horses and put them back into form, then look out for "dog races" and enter the best of the lot, always being able to tell the condition of a horse almost by sight. He seldom had any trouble in suscepting stakes. He was well acquainted with Isaac Murphy and Pike Barnes and had often given them a great deal of advice along racing lines. Tem Brock, the horse which Isaac Murphy rode to victory in the Brooklyn handicap, was under his care for some time before the happening.

Plenty Money in Those Days.

"The days of the Negro jockey are gone," says Mr. Griggs, "but while he was having it, it was a mighty great one. Speaking of money, the Negro jockey, trainer and tout certainly made it in bushels at a time. Just seemed like it was nothing to see a colored race horse man with a thousand or so in his jeans and making more each day. Then the Negro jockey was in demand and he got whatever he asked for, but we didn't all ride, for some of us owned some pretty fair horses and made decent piles also. It was one thing you certainly had to be shrewd, though, or you'd wake up in a very bad fix, because there was a good deal of trickery going on in those days and you had to learn to be slick to keep up with them.

What Killed Racing.

"Just what I think that killed the track business was the betting business—too many "sure things" or "sure winners" given out to the public by touts. I have known both men and women to mortgage their homes, lots and furniture and squander it away at the race tracks. Why, it got so bad in Louisville and other places as well, that they just had to stop racing, for the bookmakers and touts were simply robbing the people out of everything but their lives."

While the times were good Mr. Griggs managed to buy a good-sized plot of land in Louisville at an almost fabulous sum, which is now worth nearly $3,000. He also found time to stop in the banks and deposit, for he felt like those good old jockey days would soon be a thing of the past, and they are.

RICKARD AFTER JOHNSON-BURNS FIGHT.

Coincident with another statement from Tommy Burns that he will be ready to sign articles with Jack Johnson as soon as he returns from England, comes the news that Tex Rickard of Goldfield, Nev., the man who brought off the great fight between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson, wants to again figure as a prizefight promoter. He sent word to Sam Fitzpatrick, the manager of Jack Johnson, to consider him a bidder for the proposed contest between Tommy Burns and Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Rickard informs Fitzpatrick that he will make a bigger bid for the battle to take place in Goldfield than any club manager in the country can offer, and advises Fitzpatrick to make no arrangements with other clubs until he has considered the Goldfield bid.

Apropos of this, Mrs. Tommy Burns, who has just come back to America, is quoted as saying that her husband and Johnson will sign articles as soon as he lands in New York, "and he will make Johnson jump out of the ring before the fight is over."

Mrs. Burns Doesn't Want Tommy to Fight Jack.

"He would never fight Johnson," she continued, "if I had a chance to decide it, for I don't like him to fight colored men, and he promised me when we married that he would never fight a Negro. But he's sore about what has been printed about him and Johnson, and I'm positive that he will have to sign up for the battle just as soon as he gets in America and leave the explanations with me later."

Fitzpatrick and Johnson arrived in New York City recently. After he had told about his offers for the big fight, Fitzpatrick said that he expected Burns to come back from England shortly after his easy fight with the Irish champion, Jim Roche, in Dublin, on March 17.

"He should be here before April 1," said Fitzpatrick, "and then if he is in earnest we can arrange the fight for him. I don't think he intends to dodge Johnson this time. In fact, I do not see how he can."

GANS MAY GO TO ALASKA.

Town of Fairbanks Figuring for Great Fights.

Big Jim Jeffries has received an offer from Fairbanks, Alaska, that requests him to select four good fighters for two twenty-five-round fights on July 4. Jeffries is to pick these fighters from the featherweight and lightweight classes and is to referee the contest. It is said that he has already selected Gans as one and it is believed that Joe will accept the offer. Out in Alaska they are very anxious to see Gans in the ring. The sports in Alaska are said to have guaranteed that $50,000 will be forthcoming for the two fights, of which one-half will be split for the two fights.

GUNTHER TRIES LOADED GLOVES ON BLACKBURN.

Indianapolis Boxer Gives Opponent Licking.

PHILADELPHIA.—Special.—Jack Blackburn, the Indianapolis colored wonder, gave George Gunther, of Australia, his regular beating when they met Thursday night, Feb. 28, before the Broadway Athletic Club. In the last two rounds he had the Australian cut and bleeding and so weak from repeated stomach and body punches that Gunther was forced to hang on and stall through the round. Before the men started to box it was found that Gunther had his gloves stuffed with some hard material, and he refused to take his gloves off in the ring. He was sent out of the ring and took the stuff out of the gloves in the dressing room.

Gunther did onthing but cover his face with his gloves for four rounds, and Blackburn could not get a chance to land on his jaw. Jack wanted to end the battle with one punch, but could never get the opening. In the fifth round he sailed into Gunther and beat him unmercifully around the body. He kept those tactics up during the last round, and Gunther was hanging to him helplessly when the bell rang to end the match.

A FINAL MEETING OF THE LEAGUE.

A final meeting of the National Colored Baseball League may be called in a few days to take place perhaps in the city of Louisville, Ky., some time in April to complete the arrangements for the coming season of baseball. Finishing touches will be made on the playing schedule and a final agreement made on the number of clubs. So far there are but six.

BOTH TAYLORS EASY WINNERS.

They Return and Take Honors

After a long rest Major Taylor, of cyclist fame, and John B. Taylor, the champion 400-yard runner, are doing everything in the winning line these days. While J. B. Taylor defeated Bacon of the Irish-American A. C., and Sudley of the New York A. C., in a special race at 600 yards, Major Taylor was sprinting past the Beddell brothers in the six-day races at Park Square Coliseum, New York, taking first honors.

JOHNSON WILL MEET TOMMY BURNS.

Fight to Take Place in England.

Tommy Burns, the so-called heavyweight champion of the world, will meet Jack Johnson, the Afro-American heavyweight, at a date some time in advance of June 10 in England. Johnson announced that he had accepted the offer of $5,000 cash for his end of the purse and added that he had cabled to London to let the whole $5,000 go as a side bet. He will likewise accept the other conditions of the offer, which call for a sixteen-foot ring.

"Burns can make the ring ten feet square and select a private ring and throw the key out of the window if he dares," said Jack. "I know I can beat him and I think he knows it, too. If he backs down on the proposition, I will go over to London anyway and shame him out of King Edward's islands.

"When the offer was first cabled from the other side it seemed so unfair to me that I naturally balked. We could get more money in California, and money is what we are both after. But I am so anxious to get him into a ring that I will waive everything within reason to make the match. By betting the $5,000 I can double my end of the purse or quit without a nickel. Either way suits me. If Burns can beat me, I am willing to quit the game.

"Any number of rounds will suit, from one to a thousand. In fact, now I hvae made up my mind to accept, Burns can name the terms. As long as he doesn't demand that I wear hopples, tie my arms behind me and wear a blindfold, I am willing to meet him on any grounds."

NEGRO PUGILIST FOUND DYING.

White Fighter Makes Foul Play.

NEW YORK.— Special.— Emmett Brown, a Negro barber of local fame as a prize fighter, was picked up unconscious on the street by the police early last Wednesday, Feb. 27, and died soon afterward at the Presbyterian Hospital from the effects of injuries said to have been received in a pugilistic encounter n a Second avenue saloon.

The police have sent out a general alarm for Fred Lucas, a white man, who is supposed to have been the other participant in the fight, and have arrested John Mihaleck, a saloon keeper. Several witnesses have also been held, as have four men who came to the Presbyterian Hospital badly battered.

The witnesses say Brown was getting the better of his adversary when a blow on the mouth knocked him down and banged his head against one of the posts of the ring, rendering him unconscious. His seconds carried him to the street and left him.

RICHMOND WANTS TO COME IN.

Sporting Editor The Freeman:

It is my intention to put the Giants baseball team in the field again this year and would like to join your league if arrangements can be made. If you will inform me as to when you are going to have a meeting I will try and be over.

Yours truly,
W. H. DENNIS.

BASKETBALL TEAM DOES NOT APPEAR.

Smart Set Club Throws Up the Sponge.

NEW YORK CITY.—Special.—Rather than again face what would have undoubtedly been the worst defeat of the season, the St. Christopher Club forfeited to the Smart Set Basketball team the last game of the series, on Friday, Feb. 21, by non-appearance. Courtesy does not appear to be a factor of their organization, for neither the officials of the Olympian Athletic League nor the Smart Set A. C. were notified of their intention not to play. However, the Smart Set, having prescience of such display of cowardice, arranged another game which proved to be one of the most interesting and exciting matches of the season, and those who gathered to witness the probable Waterloo of the Christophers were well pleased. The trophy offered by the Olympian A. L. has been won by the Smart Set A. C., who have not lost a game throughout the entire series.

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ENGLAND WILL ALLOW JOHNSON A SHOW.

In view of the fact that the Johnson-Burns fight is to be pulled off in England gives us the assurance that Johnson will be given a fair deal. That is, we think that he will be given as fair treatment in every way as the white fighter, being that there is so little prejudice existing in that country. We are positive that the sportsmen of England will not stand for unfairness toward Johnson as would be the outcome should the battle be pulled off anywhere in these United States. Prejudice has grown so strong in this country that a majority of the sporting element can barely stand to see the black boy defeat the white.

PARIS, KY.

We would like very much for the colored citizens, especially of our city and locality, to display more interest into, be more enthusiastic over the coming Presidential campaign. Beware of the eleventh hour—time is at hand that we must or should make a selection of whom we would like to have to guide the ruins of destiny—not only for our grand old flag—but for the "Ship of softy" now tossed and thrown upon the billows of race prejudice....J. Richardson, of Clayville, has shown to the public that he is somewhat of an M. D. as well as a groceryman. He carries with his vast stock of groceries and confectionaries a self-made pile ointment, guaranteed to cure any case of piles. Price, 25 cents per box... Ellis Parker, who fell in a tank of boiling water a few days ago, died of his injuries last Monday night, 17th inst....S. C. Elliott, the cornetist of Lexington, Ky., was in the city yesterday on business....Mrs. Mattie L. Rice, who was recently called to Lexington to attend a sick uncle, has returned....Mrs. Julia Hoskins and mother of West 8th St. has moved to her new home in Claysville...Fidds Allen, who was attacked a few days ago by drunken white men and stabbed in the arm, is able to be out again....Mrs. Lucy Jewitt, of Newtown, was the guest of Miss Fanny Jewitt of Lexington, last week....Eli Leedman, of Newtown, one of Paris' oldest citizens, is very ill with la grippe... Wallace Gaines, who has been ill for some time died the night of Feb. 20. A mother, father and four sisters are left to mounr their loss....The Freeman on sale at Miller and Hoffman's cafe, 8th and Main Sats every Saturday....The Eureka skating rink was the happy scene of mirth and amusement last Thursday evening, Feb. 20th. A benefit was in progress for the Baptist church. A neatly sum was realized for which the pastor and members of said church extend thanks to Mr. Lusian Johnson, prop. of the rink, and those who so willingly lent a helping hand, the program being unique and very pleasing, especially Mrs. Mac. Patton's rendition of Cole and Johnson's latest hit, "I Care for Nothing in this in This Wide, Wide World But You." Mrs. Patton fully deserves the many applauses given her by the appreciative audience. Beaty and Brown also occupy a space of praise upon this talented program for their fancy and trick skating....Known what progress your race have made since 45 years, subscribe for the Freeman, 5c. ...Alexander Macon will spend a few weeks in Arkansas the guest of his brother, Nathan Macon.....Wilson Miles, who died in Dallas, Friday, Hiles, who died in Dallas, Friday, was shipped to Waxahachie Sunday morning for burial. His funeral was preached at the A. M. E. church by Rev. C. H. Bell, the pastor. Mr. Miles was 36 years, 1 month and 27 days old, and leaves a wife and many friends....Mrs. Charles Scott and daughter, Miss Arletha Epperson, spent last Sunday at Forrislpw.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

The funeral of Mr. Battles, an inmate of the soldiers' home, was held Thursday at 2 p. m. in the chapel. ...Those on the sick list are Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. John McConnell, Mr. Doc Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Alex Brown....Wm. Robinson, who broke his leg was taken to Butterworth hospital and is doing nicely....The benefit entertainment given for the three pastors of the city, was a financial success. About $50 was cleared. The program was very well rendered. The solo by Miss Puryear was sung in a very pleasing manner and was heartily encored....Mrs. Perry has returned from Kingsvile, Ont., where she buried her aged mother who departed this life on Feb. 12th....Mrs. Alice Brown is reported better....One of the Kelley children died in St. Mary's hospital Saturday evening. The remains were looked after by the city. The other child still remains very ill in the hospital....Arnett Christian Endeavor meets Sunday at 6:30 in the lecture room. Topic, "Wanted Men for Gideon's Band!"—Judge 7: 2-7. President, Robert Cross; Miss Margaret Goings was elected Second Delegate to accompany Bertha Burton to the Sunday school convention in Lowell, Mich., March 3rd and 4th, to represent Arnett Sunday school. A donation was raised by Mrs. T. P. Wright in behalf of Mrs. Robinson Basiter, whose son and daughter are both sick. Mrs. Wribht extends her thanks to the many friends who assisted. The young people are taking an active part in the Arnett C. E. society; several new members were taken in Sunday evening. Mr. Henderson was appointed chairman of the lookout committee....J. Belle and Mrs. Pinkney played an instrumental duet, "Angel's Serenade," by Braga, at Arnett services last evening. The choir sang in a very acceptable manner the anthem, "Just As I Am."... Miss Eva McConnell, who has been ill for some time went to Butterworth hospital Saturday evening to undergo special treatment. RevEvans led Arnett Sunday school in special prayer for the speedy recovery of Miss McConnell who has been superintendent of the school for the past two years....Mr. Milton has charge of the program to be given for the hotel waiter Sunday evening, April 1st....The fourth Sunday evening in March Mrs. Calvin Grayson will give a special young people's service in Arnett Chapel. Proceeds for piano fund. And on March 6th for the same purpose the L. S. club will give a Chinese Laundry pie social in Odd Fellows hall....John Bugg, barber on Ellsworth avenue, had his toe amputated in the A. B. A. hospital.... D. E. S. Browning is out again after a slight illness....The Phyllis wheatley club will give an entertainment on St. Patrick's evening in Odd Fellows hall for charitable purposes.... Mrs. Della eene underwent a slight operation in U. B. A. hospital....The choir under the leadership of Mrs. Rethford is preparing a service of song for the second Sunday in March.

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The eighteen months old child of John Holmes got a marble in its throat last week. Dr. Patterson succeeded in removing it...Bedford and Hughes have opened an ice cream parlor...Mrs. John Exter is improved...Smoke curling through the chinks in the little home of Gussie Irvin at 1137 South Tenth street, warned neighbors, who knew she was out at work, and they burst in the locked door to find a comfort on the floor ablaze and her five-year-old daughter wrapped in flames and writhing in mortal anguish. As quickly as possible water was thrown on the burning mass, while the smell of cooking human flesh filled the room. Dr. J. Van H. Davis was summoned, but the child was beyond relief and died about 6 o'clock. It is believed that sparks from a fire ignited the bed clothing on which the child was asleep. While the doctor was attending the child, his horse became frightened at the crowd that gathered around the house and ran away, demolishing the buggy.

A SOLILOQUY.

To spit or not to spit is the question;
Whether 'tis better to void ones rheum,
On the sidewalks of Indianapolis,
Freeing one's self of a mouth of mucous,
And perhaps microbe laden,
Taking chances when the lynx-eyed law
Does not observe, and go talking on your way—
Or to choke it back at the risk of strangulation?
Aye, there's the rub! For who knows
But what in the very spitting,
One is not without witness to the fact?
And that ere he is aware one falconlike
May not seize him, and drag him before Judge Whallon?
O, that's to be avoided! But how avoid
When one is most mercilessly pinched
By the hundred-eyed law when relenting is not known,
Until one's diction—male or bene,
Has been uttered by the wizard of the wool sack?
At which seances of fragile rocks,
Rise up to view and most forbiddingly;
A consummation not wished at all!
But should the alternative—the price,
Be not forthwith coming—instanter or sooner,
How will one escape the rocky destination?

So it is better after all not to spit;
And earn the laws contumely, and
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Dear Sir: The political unrest throughout the country to-day is such that the questions which are uppermost in the public mind must soon have a settlement. In view of this condition I have decided to ask you to express yourself on some problems which stand badly in need of solution. Who is your first choice for President and do you believe we should send an instructed delegation to the national convention?

Do you favor the Roosevelt policies? If so, why. If you do not, do you favor their destruction, or modification?

Respectfully, W. E. KING.

McDonald's Answer.

Terrell, Tex., Feb. 7, 1908.

Fellow Republicans: There is a world of political wisdom in this: The South lost her liberty in a long chain of right reasoning from wrong principles, and there is real discrimination in saying that a majority of the people of this section are strongly possessed of the spirit of liberty, but not the principles, for at the time they are determined not to be slaves themselves and political serfs, they employ their power to enslave, prescribe and encompass the rights, privileges, and liberties of all black men because they are black. It so happens that the first public political speech I ever made I attempted to defend the history and the record of the Republican party. I did this partly for two reasons: First, I had read a little of the history of this country; and, second, I felt indebted to the Republican party for the liberty I then enjoyed, and whether I was right or wrong in my conclusion, I know that ingratitude is the blackest of crimes, while gratitude is a virtue. A man who will tell the truth about the Republican or for that matter any political party should be regarded as a good citizen, and for one about the Republican party I intend to tell just as near the truth as I can. Most history consists in giving the details of things that never happened; most political biography is usually a lie, coming from the lips of flattery, or slander coming from the mouth of malice, and whatever man or political party that stands for equal rights, and human liberties will in their turn be attacked and maliciously slandered. Whatever man or party that attacks injustice, malice and hate will find that there is still one weapon left in the arsenal of the nation—slander. Aside from feeling that I was indebted to the Republican party of the 60's, I have voted with this party for more weighty reasons. It is supposed to have stood for human rights, industrial and commercial development, protection to the American citizen, laborer and capitalist. It was supposed to stand for equal civil rights to all, the peace and happiness of all citizens, be they white or black, yellow or red. This is the cardinal principle and record of the Republican party of the 60's. This, and more, of the kind were the great reasons for my acting with and voting an endorsement of the Republican party. I would not have you overlook the important fact that after all, men make parties. Parties cannot make men, as I shall attempt to show or point out later on. The question may be asked, is not the Republican party of 1908 standing for the same tenets for which the Republican party of the 60's, the 70's, or even the 80's stood? The name of the party is the same; it, in a remote way, impresses people with the idea that it does, but the real fact is that the Republican party of 1908 sustains no affinity to the Republican party of the 60's, the 70's, or even of the 80's only in name.

Democratic Party.

The Democratic party to-day is the same in principles, policies and purposes as it was in the 60's, the 70's, or even the 80's; it is the one party that never changes, and this is why the Negro citizen always confronts a political condition rather than a political problem. Deep down in my heart I wish the Democratic party was flexible. The adage, "Wise men change often, fools never change," affects the Democratic party not a little bit, not in the least. It has sacrificed every vantage, every hope, every possibility or I might say every probability of becoming the governing and controlling party of this mighty nation, because of its failure and refusal to stand for the rights, privileges and liberties of all people be they black or white. The stand that this party takes makes it next to impossible for Republican electors to rebuke the acts of certain men who misuse and crush the grand and lofty principles of the Republican party under foot. The stand this party takes precludes millions of voters who feel and know that the teachings, history, traditions and principles of the Republican party of the 60's, of the 70's and of the 80's are being perverted, disgraced and slandered. That the good people of the Southland, cultured, refined and learned, permit themselves to stand in such a position is passing strange and beyond the comprehension of all intelligent men, whether white or black. In the South we have many able men. We have scholarly men, men well versed in the science of government, learned in law; we have men capable of guiding the republic and directing the affairs of the old ship of state, but they are tied hand and foot to the history, records, tenets and traditions of the Democratic party, and these men have not the courage to reorganize the Democratic party and change its history and record. While these men could and might be trusted no one can trust the Democratic party because of its record, and this, in my opinion, is the greatest reason or cause why a million or more Republican voters suffer, grin and endure the bossism, neglect and humiliation, often imposed upon them by men given political preferment at the hands of the Republican party and by their suffrage. Speaking for myself and race, we want no new laws passed in our favor, nor do we want any old laws in favor of the people repealed. All we want is to be let alone and given a chance. A dago's chance, a Chinaman's chance, a Swede's chance, a Filipino's chance, an Indian's chance, over and above them all, a man's chance. "Like you do unto all men do so unto us." When you do this, conditions will change and the problem is solved.

Men Make Parties.

A little while ago I said that men made parties and that parties did not make men. I am almost tempted to wish that parties made men. If such was the case what courageous men all Republican voters would be; what a grand man Roosevelt would be, what a splendid man Taft would be, for God knows the Republican party has with devotion, just a little short of diefying, showered honor after honor upon these men. President Roosevelt was exaltedd to the leadership of the Republican party at the death of President McKinley. This exaltation of Mr. Roosevelt was a greater and a more cruel catastrophe against the best interests of the Republican party and nation than was the untimely death and sudden termination of the political leadership of the great and good man McKinley. From the day that Scholgoz cruelly struck down the sane, calm and conservative policies fostered by our great leader, McKinley, the mighty Wall Street bull-and-bear smasher, the International meddler, the Rough-Rider-Boot-and-Spur-Chieftain, and Wild-Bear-Hunter, has had unlimited sway. This mighty and powerful nimrod announced to the world by his deeds and words that he would stand for human rights and human liberties; that he believed in the doctrine of all men up, black or white, and no men down. He proclaimed that he would see to it that all men got a "square deal." To prove that he was in dead earnest about what he had said he sent out and had called in the leaders of the despised race of Ham. with them he feasted, wined and dined.

When Lily-White Republicans, office-seekers, in far off Indianola, Miss., aroused the Democratic mob to the highest tension, ready to commit crimes and violence, because a respectable Negro woman was charged with the responsibility of acting as postmistress, distributing and handing out letters at a salary of $15 per month, he added powder to an already kindled fire by closing the office to punish the mob. Feeling that he had not yet quite aroused the nation to the fact that he stood for the doctrine of all men up and no men down, he went down to the quiet old Democratic city of Charleston, S. C., and picked out a Negro man who had no political claim for Federal office and appointed him collector of customs. Senator Tillman squealed, and this was the signal for the Democratic South, North, East and West to pour their viles of wrath and denunciation upon the head of the new, erratic, national leader.

The Whole Nation Aroused.

This was sufficient to arouse the slumbering Republican electors and the entire nation. The best men everywhere joined hands to sustain the man who preached the doctrine of "human rights and human liberties, all men up and no men down, a square deal to all men, black or white," with the result that President Roosevelt was endorsed by the largest majority of any candidate in the history of the republic for the presidency of the nation. Theodore Roosevelt was America's uncrowned king. His will was the will of the American people; the eyes of the civilized world were upon him. He now openly threw off his disguise and announced to the world that he was one-half North and one-half South, and that his sympathy was all with his mother, who was a full Southerner and unchanging in her devotion to the history, records and traditions of the Democratic party. The Republican voters that had just elected him were dazed for a moment as one would be when thrown suddenly before a great white light, but this was only for a moment. They awoke from their stupor and went about their business all exclaiming that it was right and proper for a boy to stand by his mother, and that Roosevelt was the greatest living American. The Democratic South always alert and seeking to profit through the mistakes of others ordered their ever ready and faithful warriors to cease their firing upon Roosevelt. Under a flag of truce in the dark watches of the night Senators Bailey, of Texas; Tillman, of South Carolina, and a few others took up the grave and weighty question and discussed the fact of his being one-half North and one-half South in all its phases with the President, and these august personages being well satisfied that the President was all he claimed to be, and more, they invited him to hunt coons and bear in Texas. At this secret midnight White House meeting he pledged his support to the Democratic South to pass the kind of rate bill advocated by Tillman and Bailey, which affects so vitally the railroad earnings and the interests of Northern capital. He pledged himself, as his after action proved, to wage an unceasing war upon men and corporations that would not submit to the scheme of government ownership, or worse still, government control of private property. He came to Texas ostensibly as the guest of the Lily-White office-holders—boot and spur brigade—but the expenses of the trip were borne by the Democratic South. No king in the palmest days of his kingdom was ever received and entertained by his subjects and slaves with more pomp and splendor than was this "Wall-Street-Bear-and-Bull-Smasher, International-Meddler, Rough-Rider-Boot-and-Spur Chieftain, and Wild-Bear-Hunter.

Burnet's Cattle Ranch.

Surrounded by a few of the select Lily-White Republicans, who stand for office only, and the leaders and representatives of the Democratic party, out on Capt. Buck Burnet's ranch, the Democratic cattle king of the South, between midnight and day was the scheme laid, planned and matured which was to pervert the teachings of the Republican party, change with strong hands the policies of the party and thereby disgrace the traditions and history of the nation's controlling and governing party. To accomplish this, executive lynch law would be invoked if necessary. It was necessary, because the Democratic party of Texas refused to assume the responsibility and the provocation was found in the Brownsville shoot-up. The provocation was announced, and President Roosevelt, strange to say, with a stroke of his ben issued an executive order, which in effect lynched 156 men who had sworn to give their lives in defense of the nation. He did this regardless of the fact that the grand jury, selected, and appointed by a Texas Democratic judge, had made a sweeping investigation and was unable to point out a single guilty man. The Democratic party was in no position to accept what it had accomplished through the President, he having gone far beyond their expectation. The nation stood as if struck by a mighty electric current, dazed and dumb-founded. Secretary of War Taft wavered and halted so unwise and so unstatesmanlike was the act of his chief.

Senator J. Benson Foraker.

It was in the midst of all this Southern Democratic acclaim, amazement and stupor of the nation that Senator J. B. Foraker, of Ohio, who is an absolute stranger to defeat, rose from his seat in congress and called a halt, saying thus far shalt thou go and no further. He marched down the aisles of congress and threw his lance full and fair against the brazen foreheads of the advocates of lynch law and the traducers of his party's record. He spoke of wrongs too long endured, he uncovered and showed up the treachery, the malice, the hate and the injustice of the entire proceeding, and with a splendid courage espoused the cause of the weak. Senator Foraker pointed out the injustice, the hypocrisy, and the tyranny of the Roosevelt propaganda. His speech filled with argument, reason, persuasion and unanswerable logic, won for the lynched soldiers a hearing in the public forum of the nation. Into the debate he threw all his energy. His fame had gone before him, and he was at once welcomed as a friend of the republic, who was willing and able to contend for all the principles an policies to which the Republican party is pledged. His great speech defending his position, and differing from the Roosevelt method, was ample, accurate, reasonable, convincing and unanswerable. It showed great thought, an intimate knowledge of the various forms of government, a deep insight into the various well springs of human action, and a courage that compels respect and admiration. The most difficult army questions are answered in a few words. The vulnerable arguments in favor of wrong are refuted with a question and answered with a word. For forcible illustration, apt comparison, accuracy and clearness of statement it has never been excelled. This speech went to the heart of the nation with such force until the fears of the administration were aroused and the tip was sent down the line that Foraker must be retired to private life. Secretary of War Taft is the man selected to accomplish this dastardly crime. Will the nation become a party to the crime? Will Ohio endorse such unholy work? These are the questions upon the lips of millions of Republican voters to-day. It is my opinion that the people of Ohio, yea the nation, could commit no greater crime than stand idly by and allow the bear hunter, schemers, office-holders and misfits to retire the greatest defender of constitutional rights the people have to private life. Ohio should stand by him for the sake of the nation, and the nation should stand by him for the sake of human rights and human liberty the world over. No Negro citizen, high or low, rich or poor, can afford to waver, halt or falter in his support of Senator Foraker. He is the only man in public life to-day who has the courage to defend the weak against the outlawry of the strong, and the Negro man who can be induced to desert his standard for the hope of office, for the hope of personal favor, for the hope of an invitation to the White House, for the hope of being called a sensible Negro, a leading Negro, or for the hope of being given a few dollars and a delegateship to a Republican convention, is unworthy of being called a man, and should be reduced to the position of a slave for his natural life. What I have said may be regarded as severe and ill-tempered language, but the thought of a man consenting to strike down, or agreeing to strike down, or helping others to strike down his benefactor while he is standing in the public forum defending his rights, is so akin to the snake, which crawls, hisses and bites and which all men abhor, that language is too poor indeed in which to express my contempt for such person.

Now, with regard to whom I would advise Texas Republicans to support for the presidency, would say that my judgment is that Texas Republicans and for that matter all Southern Republicans living in States that can give no vote toward electing a Republican president, should refrain from pushing their choice upon the national convention, and those States which elect the president should be allowed to nominate a man of their own selection. Therefore I think it wise and correct for Texas to send to the national convention an uninstructed delegation of the best men in the State not holding office under the Roosevelt administration. But I mean no modification of my oft expressed wish that Republicans everywhere, North and South, shall see their way clearly to vote for the nomination and election of Senator Foraker to the presidency. Respectfully,

W. M. McDONALD.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The city is finishing its first prohibition year and we find out from the past year that the new law is detrimental to both health and wealth to our community...A. H. Patch and Son, the corn sheller kings, have been very kind to our people by giving them first-class positions. Norval Steele is the foreman in the finishing department of Mr. Patch's manufactory. Mr. Steele gives his people all the work he can...The young colored man who is at the head of the colored opera house now is meeting with much favorable encouragement. The management intend to act a vaudeville stock company...The Dabney Brothers Orchestra is meeting with much success under the management of J. P. Steele...Little Wynell Steele received a very painful burn last week by falling against the fire great at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Steele...The young men of the city are trying to organize a Y. M. C. A...Ed Griffin is recovering from pneumonia...S. M. Steele is confined at home with la grippe...Mr. and Mrs. Bynie McCauley are at home sick in South Clarksville...Mrs. John Drain has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia...The following deaths occurred last week: Wm. Tomkins on Patton street; Wm. Daniel, better known as "Peinia" Daniel, Celoge street; Mrs. Mary Trice, South Clarksville; Mrs. Fannie Warfield, East Clarksville; Mrs. Hogain, Taylor's Hill...The White Rose Orphan Home is doing a great deal of good under the guiding hand of Miss Emma Jane Carter...Jesse Daniel of Cleveland, O., is in the city. Jas. Hamilton of Nashville, Tenn., paid us a short visit Sunday...Jas. Harris, the head waiter of the Arlington Hotel, has accepted a better position in Nashville, Tenn.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

The T. & B. V. pay car made the boys feel glad on the 20th...If you subscribe for The Freeman, you will get it on Saturday, rain or shine. Three months, 60 cents; six months, 85 cents; one year, $1.50 in advance. G. Washington Bruce, agent...Not much doing in and about Waxahachie at this time of the year...Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reagor have gone to Dallas to work for two or three months. ...Jesse Washington and wife are back from Oklahoma after an absence of three or four months. They went to pick cotton...Willis Sweatt is also back from the Southwest...Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richie's children are down with the measels...Miss Bessie Hardeman is visiting relatives in Italy...Grand jury set last Monday, the 24th, for county court...The boys that have been rocking the H. & T. C. passenger near Aiken street crossing are opening the jail house doors and do not know it. Mothers and fathers should try and keep their boys at home at night...The Negroes of Waxahachie own five churches, four halls, two grocery stores, one meat market, one tailor shop, one hotel, three barber shops, one restaurant, one wood yard, three dressmakers, fifteen secret lodges, two public schools...About two-thirds of the Negroes own homes in the city. Negroes number about 1500...If you are a Negro, read Negro newspapers and see what they are doing...Ike Brown or Houston arrived in the city last Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Isabella Brown and his sisters. He brings sad news of the death of his siter Laura's husband, who died at Navasocha about three months ago. It was the first of her hearing, which was sad.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Anna Hudson Willams has returned from Chicago.

John Starling, of 427 W. Vermont street, is seriously ill.

Miss Jessie Darnell is very ill at her home in Fayette street.

Henry Martin, who has been quite ill is able to be out again.

T. B. Watkins, of Richmond, Ind., was in the city this week.

The Elks will give a charity ball at Masonic Hall Monday night, March 30.

The Vigilantes will meet with William Bradley in W. Thirteenth street, Monday night.

Mrs. Gertie Guthrie will entertain the Woman's Club at Flanner Guild Monday afternoon.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their meetings at Flanner Guild the fourth Wednesday in every month.

The Progressive Club met with Mrs. Taylor Thursday. Next week Mrs. Sallie Robinson will be hostess.

Mrs. Melvina Smith entertained six ladies at supper Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Snowden of Chicago.

Judge Allen of the Circuit Court has granted Mrs. Julia Harris, are straining order against her husband, Leonard Harris.

W. L. Lacey has returned from Peoria Ill., and is considering an offer to take charge of the Hartman Hotel at Columbus, O.

Rector Lewis Brown will preach a sermon to the Masonic Lodge at St. Philips Episcopal church at 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

Mesdames Anna E. Webber and Mattie Grigsby are in Louisville to attend the National Training School Board meeting,

Isabella Horton, the girl evangelist will occupy the pulpit at Allen Chapel Sunday night, and will conduct meetings all next week,

Mrs. Mary Lindsey entertained the Topaz Cluster Club last week. Mrs. Lizzie Gee of French, Lick, Ind., was the guest of honor.

The Gold Star Social Club will meet with Mrs. Fannie Jones, 835 Adelaide street, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Sophie Butler is president.

There will be special musical services at Simpson Chapel tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra. You are invited.

W. H. Hudson returned from Wheeling, W. Va., Monday and will be in the city indefinite. He was entertained by C. C. Edwards Wednesday evening.

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Prof. W. E. Grubbs will be the speaker at Flanner Guild tomorrow. Mrs. Sallie Robinson will render a solo and Mrs. Gertrude Hill will read a paper.

J. H. Lester and J. H. Powell left Tuesday with National Republican Chairman Captain Harry New and party for Urbana, Ill., where they will spend six weeks hunting.

Mrs. Ellen Ware left last Saturday for Chicago, Ill., to attend the bedside of her eldest granson, Blaine Scott, who is reported to be seriously ill. Mr. Scott will be brought home soon.

Monroe Miller, returned to the city Tuesday from Nashville, Tenn., where he went to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Mary Miller. Mrs. Miller was 63 years old and was a long and much respected resident of that city.

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Wesley Israel Returns To Force.

Mr. Wesley Israel, the young man who was put off of the police force some few months ago the out come of a charge preferred against him by a super officer, may be returned to the force of this city, before many days, it is thought. "Wes," as he is generally called bears the reputation of being one of the squarest and fairest of bright young men and rightly deserves to be returned. It has often been said by the host of friends he has, that a mistake was made in discharging such a man as Israel for there was not two persons who beleived him guilty of any act unbecoming an officer of the law. There are few young men about the city who are better known and more highly appretiated than "Wes" Israel and what he has been known and liked for is a clean cut, honest citizenship deserving credit for a good record. It is hoped that he will be returned to the Indianapolis police force immediately.

I. B. C. Club To Hold Meeting

The I. B. C. Base Ball Club of this city will have one of the best teams in the state this season. A meeting has been called by the manager Mr. Virgil Shepherd which will be held at the Royal Athletic Club 309 Indiana avenue, Monday night, March 9. The capital stock of the club has been raised to $15,000.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. James M. Ogden will be the speaker at the "Monster Meeting on next Sunday and should draw a large crowd of men as he is a very pleasing speaker to men and is greatly sought after by Y. M. C. A's of the state to speak at Men's Meetings. Mr. Ogden will take as his subject "Come Out."

Mrs. Dungey's Play Is A Success

The play entitled "The Scheme of Sir Rogers," drew a very large audience to Masonic Hall last Monday night. The play, which is a society melo-drama in four acts, was written and produced by Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey who played an important part in the cast. Mrs. Dungey has succeeded wonderfully well for a first attempt for the theme is a splendid one. Mrs. May Byers as "Dora Dean", really looked the part of the innocent maid who had been cruelly wronged but amid all held on to a loving disposition and it required one of her kind to act the part. Mrs. Dungey won her audience from the very beginning and held her own to the end. The expression of her voice and face were excellent, showing marked ability in dramatic powers. John D. Morris as Sir Rogers that notorious schemer came up to all requirements both in gait and gesture and other touches save for the fear of talking too loud. Allie King as "Snowball" and "Jocco" was the laughing stock of the performance. King is a good amateur comedian and entertains pleasingly. William Jackson as Haywood, was clever as was also George Dungey as Lawyer Skinall.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

R. Brown, who owns mines west of Pilot Peak, Nev., known as the Postmaster mine, brought in a sample of ore taken from his claim, which shows up well in both gold, copper, silver and lead. He is 32 feet in with a 6-inch lead. Present face value of property is said to be $30,000...Mrs. Thomas Pressor, a faithful wife and esteemed citizen, was called from us to the great beyond...P. H. Robinson, who has been suffering with an attack of blood poison caused by a scratch on the hand, is able to be otu again...J. Burns reports favorable progress in his $25,000 mining suit against the Cisco Gold and Copper Mining Company...Cupid is still busy bantering—well, it's better late than never...Geo. Bunch, who has been ill for ten days, is able to be out...The Freeman, the peerless race journal, is for sale at O. K. Barber Shop. Phone news to Jones, Ind. Phone 2610, 144 East Second strret, South.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO.

The special protracted meetings that have been in progress at St. Paul A. M. E. Church for five weeks were closed last Friday evening, there being 39 conversions and the same number joining the church. Rev. J. T. Farley, the pastor, is serving his first year here and is well liked by his church. He has been ably assisted by the Young Men's Prayer Band...The marriage of Miss Margaret Guy, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Guy, to Prof. C. E. Stewart, teacher of instrumental music at Wilberforce, will take place at the home of the bride March 12...Rev. J. W. Gasaway of Springfield, formerly pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, was in the city this week on business...Politically everything that can be said above a whisper here is "Taft! Big Bill Taft!" rollicking fellow. It is to laugh. The Foraker forces are not very loud and from their silence you'd think they were few, but ah! they'd march to the "double-quick" should the "Blacks" get back in the "Blue."...Zanesville's solution of the race problem is "Mind your own business and save your money."

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

The Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. B. J. F. Westbrook its pastor, has organized a ladies' and gentlemen's literary club, which is a great credit to our young people. The club meets for debates on Friday evening of each week, but the program for the night of February 28 was exceptionally good and was handled in a masterly way. The subject was "Is the Jim Crow Law of the State of Oklahoma Constitutional? If So, Would It Be Indiscret on the Part of the Negro to Oppose It?" and was more than well defined by Mr. Dingie and Mr. Denmond for the affirmative, who explained without a doubt that the law was constitutional and it would be unwise to oppose it. The negative, Mr. Wells and Mr. Williams, although they had the public side of the discussion, were forced to go down in defeat on losing points...When in our city don't fail to visit the literary meetings on every Friday evening; they will interest you...The friends of Enoch Edwards will be pleased to know that he is up and about after a prolonged illness...J. J. Cotton, the people's favorite here, has made some very extensive additions to his up-to-date tonsorial parlors and has engaged an experienced assistant in his steam bath department, where you can have the best bath in the city...The Sunbeam Lodge No. 8, K. of P., will have their annual sermon preached on the 29th of this month and a banquet in a few days after. All visiting Knights are invited. We had for our guest last week Mr. Hart of Washington, D. C.

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The Anthracite Lodge No. 57, I. B. P. O. C. W. gave their second annual reception at Guernsey Hall February 27, 1908. The committee spared no pains, but left no stones unturned but to make this one of the grandest events of the season and well was this conducted. The hall was decorated with red, white and blue with palms and white lillies, while the orchestra of sixteen rendered their most excellent music. Each person in attendance showed to one another their appreciation of being present at this affair. After having been dancing from 8:30 to 12 o'clock p. m. the grand march was in motion led by the entire lodge, which lasted fifteen minutes. Those for the palaltable affair which was convenient in reception room the menu consisted of such that will make your appetite come to you. Just to start your thirst we will mention such as chicken croquette, lobster salad, oyster patti and other fancy dishes. The attendance of Wilkes Barre and Pittston was very large. The above named association wishes to thank each and every one that help them to obtain such a grand success..."Thirty Years of Freedom," a unique drama in four acts, was given at Bethel Hall, Howard Place, Tuesday evening, February 25, 1908, for the benefit of the steward's fund. As time and space will not allow at this time of writing to give justice to the affair, which we are sorry to mention; but, however, it was one of the best ever given in this hall. The drama was under the direction of Mrs. B. T. Temple, Mrs. Julia Johnson, directresses...A grand juvenile concert was given by the Junior Choir at Bethel Hall on Thursday, March 5, for the purpose of getting books...Mrs. Charles Plater, who has been ill, is able to be about again...The Four Birds, who were playing a week's engagement at Pole's Theatre, were callers at the residence of Mrs. Fosser's Thursday evening and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all...A Tom Thum wedding will be given at Bethel Hall next month. A more complete account with program will appear later...A young man who is showing a remarkable ability as a cartoonist, a letter writer, a pen and ink copyist and a fine wielder of the brush and pencil, bids fair to soon be known as one of the leading colored artists of this country, is R. D. Dorsey, not yet 21 years of age. He can letter any show window, copy anything from nature and in short is an all-round artist...Miss Aura Dorsey is so much improved that she will be able to be about in a few days...William Giles is improving slowly after being so seriously attaked with the rheumatism.

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